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EXPLORING A NEW WORLD

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Harold E. Westerhoff

In this day of reaching, exploring, and conquering new worlds, there is a real opportunity for Christian Endeavorers to explore a new world. We refer to the new CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD which comes into being with this August issue. From the moment you land on it you will discover how new it is. And it merits the time you will take to explore it. You'll discover things you've not seen before. You'll be led down paths you've not gone before. There will open up to you new horizons not visible to you before. There will be a new romance to your society's work you've not known before.

Conceived in the minds of the Executives' Program Council last December, it has taken these many months to put this new world together. The chief architects have been Editor Phyllis I. Rike and Topics Editor Delno W. Brown. Theirs was the task of making order out of the chaos of varying and numerous suggestions, related and unrelated. It remained for them to give form and shape to what others had said was needed and wanted. We think you will like immensely what they have done to THE WORLD.

The impress of Phyllis Rike has been felt on THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD since she became editor with the December 1956 issue. The wise choice of those responsible for selecting her has been completely vindicated in the intervening years which have been years of change and progress in this official publication of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

The new WORLD is quite completely the product of a massive cooperative effort sparked by the last sessions of the Executives' Program Council when it was recognized that there was need for supplemental society helps, and where it was acknowledged that there must be a cooperative effort in the development of Christian Endeavor materials. The working committee activated at that time included Rev. Walter Burkholder, general secretary, Department of Christian Education, United Brethren in Christ Church; Rev. Charles W. Barner, representing the Evangelical Congregational Church; C don McMordie, general secretary, Pe sylvania Christian Endeavor Union; wood Dunn, general secretary, Michi Christian Endeavor Union; and Delno Brown, educational secretary, Inter tional Society of Christian Endeavor. this committee we are indebted for re ing the original suggestions and id projected in the Executives' Progr Council and from other sources.

For the Publisher, this is a venture faith, for only as the new WORLD ga acceptance can the heavy investment the new product be met. For the fin cial success of this giant step we see o you as standing between success and f ure. Present users and subscribers will the only sales force on which we can r for telling the story of the new WORL And it will be a story you need not he tate to tell.

Yes, you are about to set off on an citing adventure of exploring a n WORLD. Have a wonderful time do it—and then tell us how you like it.

September's Schedule

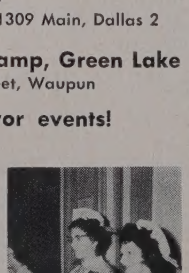
1-3—Illinois Retreat, Green Valley Salvation Army Camp
Contact: Charles Clark, 4239 West End Avenue, Chicago 24

1-3—Michigan Fall Retreat, Waldenwoods
Contact: Elwood Dunn, 16524 Woodward Avenue, Detroit 3

1-3—Texas Officers-Workers Conference
Contact: Mrs. Frank Kirsch, 502 Davis Building, 1309 Main, Dallas 2

22-23—Wisconsin Convention, Pilgrim Camp, Green Lake
Contact: Evelyn Vossekuil, 318 South Grove Street, Waupun

Pray for these Christian Endeavor events!



COVER CLUES

Ready for Quiet Hour and Bible study are these two Christian Endeavorers from Leeds, New York—Helen Pollutro and Maureen Brandow, typical convention delegates.

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1963 Citizenship Awards for Society Projects

For three winning societies in Christian Endeavor's 1963 izenship Awards Program trips to Washington, D.C., next for the 47th International Christian Endeavor Con- tion will be part of their awards.

The 1963 program is directed solely toward societies is designed to stimulate a significant Christian citizen- activity by every society in its own community. It is art of International Society's current Christian Citizenship isade, made possible through a gift from Albert H. bold, a Christian layman of New York City. The crusade ludes the fight against obscene literature and the citizen- p emphasis at the International Summer Assembly held July.

The 1963 Awards Program is open to all Christian En- vor societies or similar youth groups or combinations of ieties or youth groups in local churches in the United tes or Canada. The majority of the members of partici- ing societies must be under 25 years of age. No more n one award will be given in any one church.

Each group must sponsor and report a completed Chris- citizenship activity begun after September 1, 1962. adline for mailing entries is February 4, 1963, with ners to be announced on April 25.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards for the winners include h, trips, plaques, and certificates. The first award in each the three categories (Patriotism, Social Reform, and mmunity Service) will be $125 in cash plus a grant (to a ximum of $100) for the expenses of one or more youth resentatives, who must be members of the award-winning iety, to attend the International Convention in Washington y 2-6, 1963. Second award in each category is $100 in h. Third place winners in each category will receive $50 h. The next three runners-up in each of the categories l be awarded $25 in cash. Plaques will be presented to top 18 winners, with Honor Certificates going to all er qualified entrants.

Entries will be evaluated on the basis of group partici- ion, goals established or achieved, the manner in which activity implements the folder *What Is Christian Citizen- p?* and Christian witness to the community. Areas of ncern suggested in this folder are: home relationships, ic responsibilities, wholesome recreation, race relationships, rcotics, gambling, obscene literature, and observance of Lord's Day.

To enter the program, groups should study carefully the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and select some significant activity which definitely fits into one of the areas of citizenship. Here are some suggestions:

PATRIOTISM—planned visits to local government agencies; get-out-the-vote campaign; participation in Know Your America Week; prayer group to pray for government leaders; programs revealing and opposing Communism; flags for church or community; correspondence with servicemen from your community; Christian witnessing to servicemen at a nearby military installation.

SOCIAL REFORM—study of dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and narcotics and campaign against their use; clean-up or traffic safety campaign; crusade against gambling or obscene literature; promotion of Christian activities on the Lord's Day; family stay-at-home nights in community; campaign in behalf of needed legislation; encouragement of local option election.

COMMUNITY SERVICE — volunteer service for the sick, aged, or confined in community; community religious survey; collection of funds, clothing, food, toys, or books for community causes; parties or programs for community institution; favors or gifts for hospital patients; holiday and birthday greetings to community shut-ins; community library.

Three categories

■ A new feature of the 1963 Citizenship Awards Program is the division of entries into three categories—Patriotism, Social Reform, and Community. Delno W. Brown, citizenship director of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, says: "These categories will help societies to identify and to achieve specific goals for their Christian citizenship activities." Top winners will be selected in each category, plus second and third place winners and three runners-up in each group.

Organize the society for action, and complete the activity by February 4, 1963. Keep full records of objectives and plans and accomplishments. When the project is complete, fill out an official entry form and send it with materials describing the activity—written report, photographs, press clippings, drawings, commendations, etc. — to the International Society.

For a copy of the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and a folder giving all details of the Awards Program, plus an entry form, write to Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Meet Your Executive Committee

Of the twenty-five members of the Executive Committee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor the six shown here are new members for the 1961-63 term of office. Elected July 1961 by the Board of Trustees, they will serve until the Washington Convention next year.

Three meetings were held this past year, all in Columbus, Ohio. The next committee meeting is set for October 19-20, also in Columbus.

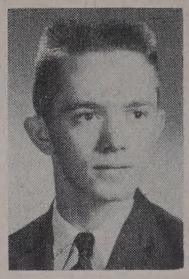
REV. CLAIR E. BEATTY—Minister, United Presbyterian Church, Covington, Ohio. B.A., Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio; S.T.B., Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh. Immediate past president, Ohio Union; served as executive secretary 1944-49. Member Youth Work Committee. Married, four daughters. Elected last fall to fill unexpired term of Rev. Jesse Hood on Executive Committee.

EARLE W. GATES, JR.—Graduated from high school June 24. Member, First Church of Evans, Derby, New York, where father is pastor. Chairman of Youth Assembly, International Society. President of Erie County Union; member of New York State Board. Sunday school teacher, junior deacon, and pastor's student assistant. On high school varsity track team four years. Nickname: "Buster."

ELIZABETH M. MCKNIGHT — Director "The Friends of the Seminary" for Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. Sunday school teacher, Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Richmond. Past president, Richmond and Virginia Unions; former vice-president, Southern Region. Active in Quota Club, Business and Professional Women's Club, Virginia Council of United Church Women. Won Freedoms Foundation George Washington Honor Medal in 1960.

WALTER R. SCHUCHARDT—Owner of Lake Forest Pastry Shop, St. Louis, Missouri. Member, Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, where he is elder. Has taught Bible classes since 1932. Former Missouri Union president, now trustee. Past president, Associated Retail Bakers of America. Active in Y.M.C.A., Optimists, and Chamber of Commerce. Married; two sons.

Rev. Clair E. Beatty



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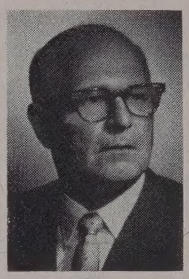

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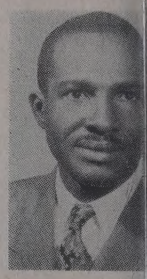
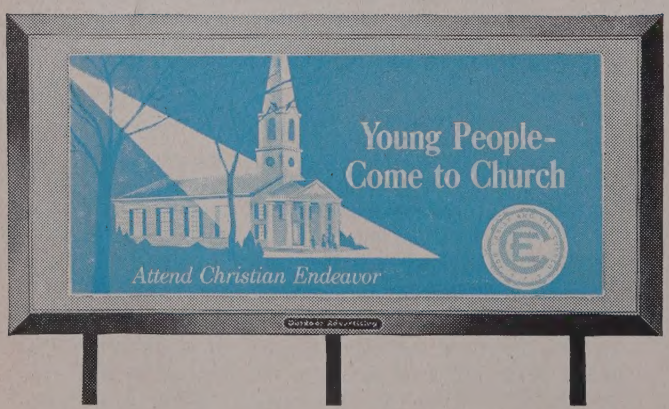


Rev. Andrew W

CLYDE SHERK—Paymaster, John Deere Welland Works. L in Welland Junction, Ontario. Immediate past presid Ontario Union; former member International Society To Committee. At Grace United Brethren in Christ Chu Sherkston, is president of Men's Brotherhood; co-teac Young People's class; and member of choir. Membe denominational Board of Christian Education in Ontar

REV. ANDREW WHITE — Executive Secretary-Treasurer, vision of Christian Education, African Methodist Episc Church, Nashville, Tennessee. A.B. and B.D. degr Howard University, Washington D.C.; M.A., Fisk Univer Nashville. Former officer of Golden Rule Union, Washing D.C. Vice-President, International Society. Married; and daughter.

Share in the 1963 Outdoor Poster Program



A Miniature One-Color Illustration of the 1963 Poster

The message of Christian Endeavor's colorful Outc Posters will effectively reach millions in 1963—and you have a part in this program.

Thousands of dollars of valuable space is made av able to Christian Endeavor each year through contribu postings by local poster plant owners, who are member the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc.

Each state or provincial union names a chairman guide the Outdoor Poster Program. Gifts from individu and from societies, churches, and local unions make program possible. Again the November 15 deadline union chairmen to order posters from the International ciety of Christian Endeavor will be in effect. Cost of posters is $5 each.

Contact union leaders or write to Miss Phyllis I. F at International Society headquarters, Columbus, Ohio, learn how you can share in the Outdoor Poster Program 1963.

NEWS AND VIEWS

TRAINING AND EXPANSION PROGRAM planned recently by the Peoriarea n in Peoria, Illinois. Led by Elwood n, extension representative of the rnational Society, training sessions held for youth leaders, counselors, officers, and a visitation program conducted. The week's activities launched by a well-attended hymn and culminated in a banquet and George Deakin of nearby Bellevue ie newly-elected Peoriarea president.

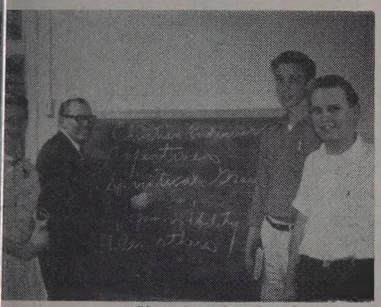


Photo by Ed and Barbara Fierce

a training session for officers sponsored by Peoriarea (Illinois) Union are (from left) resa Parr, retiring union president; Elwood n, session leader; Dan Wyss of Smith Bible rch; and Steve Lindstrom, Senior Society ident of Grace Presbyterian Church.

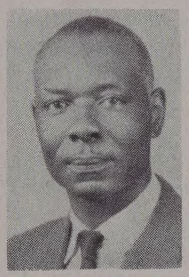
JUNIORS — 760 of them — gathered e 9 at the First Reformed Church in land, Michigan, for their annual con- tion. Theme was "Strength to Con- r." A special feature was the Junior d—Endeavorers brought their instru- nts, practiced in the morning, and yed three numbers at the afternoon sion. Rev. Wayne Webb of Berean Bible Church in Grand Rapids presented a message in the morning; Mrs. Bastian Kruithof gave a book review in the afternoon. A parade with miniature floats was another feature. Seventy-five decisions for Christ were recorded. Betty Higgins is state Junior Superintendent.

● CONGRATULATIONS to DR. EARLE W. GATES of Derby, New York, recently elected president of the Bible Society of Western New York . . . REV. CHRISTIAN A. TIRRE of Camden, Ohio, named Outstanding Christian Endeavor Pastor for 1962 at the Ohio Convention June 14-16 . . . DR. BERNARD BRUNSTING, pastor of First Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan, elected president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America June 8.

● Friends of REV. STANLEY A. BAKER of England will be sorry to learn of his death earlier this year. Mr. Baker, who was a past president of the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland, spent a number of weeks in the United States and Canada in 1950 preaching at Evangelistic Missions to Youth sponsored by the International Society.

● THE CANADIAN JUNIOR MEN'S FIGURE SKATING CHAMPION is a Christian Endeavorer, 19-year-old BILL NEALE. Bill is a Sunday school teacher and member of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society at Garrison Road United Brethren Church, Fort Erie, Ontario. In three years of competition Bill has moved from third to second to first place. This year he was also eligible to enter the Senior Men's Division; he placed fourth in compulsory figures and third in free skating behind Canada's world champion, Don Jackson. Aiming for the Olympic team, Bill has devoted much time to skating since his high school graduation last year.

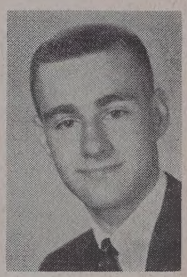
● VIVIAN GAY, a former president of Baltimore (Maryland) City Union who serves now in Bogota, Colombia, with the Latin American Mission, is home on leave.



Clenzo Miles

Clenzo Miles, Golden Rule Union president, is active in John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, Washington, D.C. He is a mail carrier for the U.S. Post Office. A graduate of South Carolina State College, he has served as both president and field secretary of the union. Mr. Miles is married and has one son.

Oregon's new president is *Jerald M. Savin* of Tillamook, where he is a member of First Christian Church. A college senior next fall, Jerry is majoring in ministerial preparation at Northwest Christian College, Eugene, and in physics at the University of Oregon. He has dedicated his life to full-time service.



Jerald M. Savin

cial guests at the Ohio Convention banquet were Mr. and Mrs. John Glenn, Sr., parents of America's first astronaut. Mrs. Glenn told of early experiences as a Christian Endeavorer in Cambridge, Ohio. owing the session she and her husband graciously received the many gates who crowded around to speak to them personally.

Youth Work Committee members at Columbus Headquarters May 2-4 are (from left) Wanna Sell, Rev. Nathan H. VanderWerf, Rev. Harry A. Shuster, Jr., Delno W. Brown (educational secretary of the International Society), Charles A. Matthews, Elwood Dunn (chairman), Rev. C. K. Nicholson, Rev. Clair E. Beatty, and Rev. Edgar L. Mack.

Ready - for - YOUth RESOURCES

THEY'RE READY FOR YOU!

The enlarged and improved resources for which you have been waiting are now ready and will be available to you and your society in coming issues of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

Just look at what's coming:

•*Two pages of comments for each topic to guide Junior Highs and Senior High-Young People's societies in planning weekly devotional meetings. These will include such helps as publicity ideas and drawings, alternate methods of developing topics, illustrative incidents and stories, suggestions for counselors, and projects related to topics for committees.*

•*Helps for planning the annual program for your society, including guidance in developing the current biennial theme of Christian Endeavor.*

•*Guidance for officers and committees in fulfilling the responsibilities delegated to them by the society.*

•*Suggested activities for your all-round program under the direction of the five basic committees — Devotional (Prayer Meeting), Lookout (Membership,) Missionary, Social (Recreation), and Church Activity.*

•*Party plans for outstanding social events for your society and your friends.*

•*Alternate topics or series of topics which you may use in addition to or instead of regular topics developed in each issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.*

•*Bibliography of available books and folders which you may order from the International Society of Christian Endeavor or various publishing houses.*

Quarterly Helps

Four times each year Ready-for-YOUth Resources will contain lists of Junior High and Senior High-Young People's topics and suggested activities for the next few months. In addition to topic comments for September, the current issue contains topic lists for October through December and suggested activities for September through November. The October, January, and April issues will include topics and activities for the remaining months through August 1963.

Much of the helpful material formerly published in the Program Guides will be contained in these resources. Thus, all the helps you need for planning both your annual society program and your weekly devotional meetings will be available in one compact monthly magazine.

Many Topic Writers

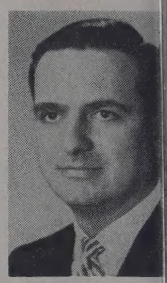
The weekly topic comments will continue to be developed by various writers from several different denominations and brotherhoods. The current fifty writers are from sixteen different states, the District of Columbia, Ontario, and the Republic of Congo. They are known in their own communities as Christian teachers, ministers or ministers' wives, administrators, housewives, editors, business women, students, church secretaries, editors, missionaries, or religious educators.

Much of the additional program material has been prepared by Mary Lou Funk of Indiana and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Davies of Pennsylvania. All three of these writers are experienced and faithful Christian Endeavor leaders in their own areas.

Mary Lou Funk

Miss Funk, who lives in Huntington, Indiana, is Associate Editor of United Brethren Publications. She has served in church camps and vacation Bible schools and is presently a Sunday school teacher and an active member of the Adult Christian Endeavor Society and the Women's Missionary Association of the College Park United Brethren Church in Huntington. She was a w day Bible teacher in Bath County, ginia, for three years.

She is a graduate of Huntington lege and has taken additional work a diana University and Defiance Colle



Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Davies

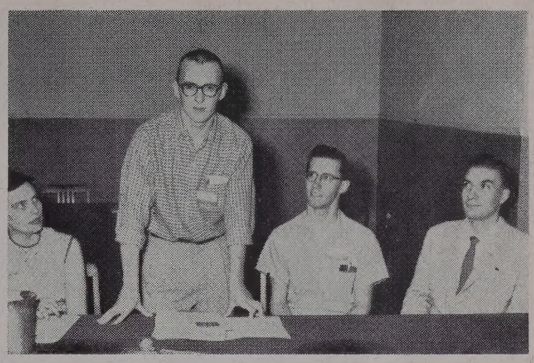
Mr. and Mrs. Davies, who are m bers of the Belle Valley Pre terian Church of Erie, Pennsylva serve as cochairmen of the Recrea Committee of the Erie County Chris Endeavor Union and cosuperintend of the Recreation Department of Pennsylvania Union. They have served as counselors of Christian deavor societies and Sunday scl teachers and are active in the County Sunday School Association Erie County Association for Retar Children. He is a graduate of Erie C mercial College, and she attended P State University. They are the par of three sons (James 15, Gary 13, Charles 10).

Mr. Davies is active in the Belle ley Grange and Lions Club and Scout work. Mrs. Davies is a represe tive to the Erie Council of Christ Education and an active participant P.T.A. and Cub Scout work, and writes a weekly column for the *Daily Times.*

COMING NEXT MONTH—

The September issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD will contain a wealth of helps to guide your society in carrying out Christian Endeavor's biennial theme "Venture With Christ" in its annual program. The key Scripture is Mark 10:21, and the three subthemes are —Evangelize, —Train, —Serve. Be ready to venture forth into new and unexplored areas in which you can witness together for Christ and the Church.

Have a Planning Conference



By Mary Lou Funk and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Davies

WHAT IT IS—A time for inspiration and Christian owship. A time for considering the goals of your Chris- Endeavor society and of each committee. *(Review our r purposes in the folder "What Is Christian Endeavor?" ies in reasonable quantities are available free from the ernational Society.)* A time for discussing what to do to ch these goals.

A time for evaluating past meetings and activities and deciding on specific activites for each committee for each nth between this and your next planning conference. A e for assigning specific responsibilities to members of each nmittee. A time for setting definite or tentative dates each meeting and activity during the period being plan- l.

WHY HAVE IT—Nothing worthwhile ever "just hap- ns." The people who get things done are those who set ir eyes on a goal, plan how they can reach it, and then rk their plan to completion. Your society will succeed ly to the extent that you plan your work and work your n.

A planning conference will do much to revive interest your society and to create enthusiasm for participating in activities.

WHEN TO HAVE IT—Every three, four, or six months. ter all officers, committee chairmen, and your counselor ve been chosen and appointed for the months ahead.

Have a morning and afternoon conference if making ns for six months. At noon have lunch together and then e time out for recreation. A three- or four-months' plan- g conference can usually be completed in one afternoon evening. Schedule yours for a time when you will have best attendance from all of your members.

WHERE TO HAVE IT—Where you will be most likely be undisturbed. An all-day or afternoon conference ght be held at a park, camp, your counselor's or a mem- r's home or back yard, or in your church building. Don't ve an evening conference outdoors.

WHO ATTENDS IT—It is very important that all icers and committee chairmen and your counselor be pres- t. All other members who can should also attend. If most your members help make the plans, the more there will who have an understanding of the plans and enthusiasm carrying them out.

Invite your minister to attend if he can do so. Have n or your counselor lead in a short consecration service the close of your conference.

HOW TO PLAN IT—The Executive Committee (officers, committee chairmen, and counselor) should meet at least a month preceding the conference to make initial plans. Discuss the biennial theme "Venture With Christ" (its subthemes are Evangelize, Train, Serve) and review the total program of your society in relation to the theme. Consider devotional meetings, projects, visitation, recreation, finances, missions, conferences and conventions, etc. and decide what things need to be stressed during the conference.

Set the date and place for the conference and make out a schedule including devotions, instructions, committee sessions, a general meeting to hear reports, and then closing devotions.

Select materials to be used at the conference, such as *The Christian Endeavor World,* other Christian Endeavor resource materials listed in the Catalog of Literature and Supplies, topic cards, pencils, work sheets, books for specific committees, lists of films and filmstrips, song books, and calendars indicating dates of your church and Christian Endeavor union activities for the coming months. It will also be helpful if a chalkboard is available for each committee.

HOW TO CONDUCT IT—Begin on a high spiritual plane and point out just what you hope to accomplish during the conference. You may want to use the brainstorming technique by the entire group to suggest a number of ideas for each committee.

Each committee should make plans for the specified number of months in separate meetings, and then the entire group should reassemble to hear the committee reports. Action should be taken to approve, revise, or reject all plans. The secretary of the society should make an accurate record of the final plans.

HOW TO FOLLOW THROUGH — Mimeographed copies of your planned program should be provided to each member and your counselor as soon as possible following the conference. These will serve as reminders to those who are responsible for various portions of the program, and they will also be effective in attracting new members and in publicizing your society and your church.

The president and the counselor should coordinate the plans which have been made and see that they are carried out according to schedule. Monthly business meetings of both the Executive Committee and the entire membership should be held in order to check on progress being made and to discuss problems which have arisen since the conference.

Program Plans FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

By Mary Lou Funk

OCTOBER-DECEMBER TOPICS

Date	Topic
October 7	"In Remembrance of Me" (the proper spirit for the observance of the Lord's Supper)
October 14	Hymn Time with Jesus (the right kind of music to use in church activities)
October 21	What Is Prayer? (the elements which should be included in prayers by Christian youth)
October 28	Faith of Our Fathers (the work of Martin Luther and other religious leaders during and since the Protestant Reformation)
November 4	On the Rim of East Asia (life among Christians in Korea, Okinawa, Taiwan, and Hong Kong)
November 11	Soldiers of the Cross (requirements of soldiers in the army of Jesus Christ)
November 18	Father, We Thank Thee (being thankful by both words and actions throughout the year)
November 25	"Thou Art but a Youth" (Christian activities by which youth can help keep their nation spiritually strong)
December 2	Bible People Who Traveled with God (outstanding characters of both Old and New Testaments who served God in many places)
December 9	The Bible, My Strength for Daily Travel (reliance on the Bible as a means of strength for daily Christian living)
December 16	The Bible, My Road Map (Scriptures which guide youth to believe and grow in Christ)
December 23	Tidings of Great Joy (the real joys of the Christmas season)
December 30	"Be Strong and of a Good Courage" (how to be strong and help other to be strong in the New Year)

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

September

• EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Encourage and expect each committee to make plans in advance and carry them out at the proper times. . . . Note the time to renew your subscriptions to *The Christian Endeavor World*. . . . Plan and promote your society's citizenship activity; work to win in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards Program. . . . Check with your local union regarding plans for Outdoor Poster Program. . . . Consider making a Freedoms Foundation nomination.

• DEVOTIONAL COMMITEE: Assign leaders and give out topic materials at least one month in advance. . . . Have names of leaders attractively posted along with meeting dates and topics. . . . Make and display posters on the four basic principles of Christian Endeavor. . . . Have books with material on vocations on display at September 2 meeting. . . . In consecration service of September 2 meeting, give opportunity for members to become Lifework Recruits. Have copies of *What Is a Lifework Recruit?* for distribution. . . . At September 16 meeting, invite members to enroll in the Tenth Legion.

• LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Check the church membership and Sunday school enrollment for Junior Highs not your society; make a list and contact them, and also churched Junior Highs in your community. Pray definit for each committee member and each prospect.

• MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Write your denominational mission office or the International Society of Christ Endeavor for material for the November 4 meeting. . Plan a special missionary poster or bulletin board disp for this month, featuring a missionary-school teacher. P for him or her. . . . Make arrangements for members rake leaves, wash windows, etc. for shut-ins. . . . Write International Society of Christian Endeavor for informat about pen pals in other countries.

• SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Have a Back-to-School pa Recreation chairman, the "teacher," assigns each member prepare to lead a new game at the party, and someone lead devotions based on II Timothy 2:15. Work hard get new, prospective, and irregular members to attend.

• CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Add a book young people on vocations to your church library. . Ask your minister and janitor to write down suggestions what your society can do to be of service to your lo church; have each member check the ones he'd like to h with. . . . Does your meeting room need fall cleaning a redecorating?

October

• EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Now is the time to or your packet of materials for Christian Endeavor We January 27-February 3. Begin planning for the observa of this special week. . . . Keep your committee function well, and you will set the pace for the other committ and your entire program.

• DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: On World-Wide Co munion Sunday perhaps you could borrow part of the co munion set of your church and have it and a world glo for your center of interest. . . . The October 14 meeti would be a good time to have special instrumental and vo numbers. Have those who play and sing give the ba ground of the song and effect of its use on a certain occasi or a short story about the author. . . . The painting "Prayi Hands" by Albrecht Durer would be an appropriate cen of interest for the October 21 meeting. This meeting wo be a good time to have sentence prayers by persons w have not been accustomed to praying in public. . . . For t October 28 meeting a film or filmstrip on Martin Luther one on the history of the church might be the main part your meeting. Other societies in your church might wish meet with you for the viewing of the film.

• LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Continue to pray for a endeavor to win other young people to Christ and t church and to invite them to become Christian Endeav members; have an up-to-date list of prospects and a defin plan for reaching them. . . . Be sure to welcome and int duce them when they come to your meetings. . . . E courage new members to attend also the other services the church. Tell your Sunday school teacher and minist about them.

ISSIONARY COMMITTEE: This month feature a onary in literature work on your poster or bulletin d. Pray definitely for this missionary. . . . Mail leftover ay school papers to a missionary who can make use of . Check your post office for mailing instructions. . . . urage each member to read a missionary book this h.

OCIAL COMMITTEE: Plan a hike (by foot or bicycle) Saturday. Go out into the country to see God's fall liwork. Choose a route that has little traffic. Take a h along. Precede or follow lunch by devotions.

HURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: See if a few of members could help those who prepare the communion ents each time communion is observed until all mem- have had the opportunity. . . . Investigate the possibility nior High midweek prayer services. . . . Carry out any estions your minister or janitor makes to your committee. Choose one of the special musical numbers presented at October 14 meeting for a church service.

November

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Are your plans under way Christian Endeavor Week, January 27-February 3? . . . mend committees for faithful performance of their re- sibilities. Assign new members to committees. . . . st Devotional Committee in planning an emphasis for November 25 meeting to stimulate your society's Chris- citizenship project.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Do you have a list of month's leaders and topics attractively posted? . . . The sionary Committee will be in charge of the November 4 eting. . . . In connection with the consecration service he November 11 meeting, have a society roll call; a good lier of the cross must use the Sword of the Spirit, the rd of God—so ask each member to respond with a recently-learned Bible verse. . . . Arrange a "horn of plenty" with fruits, vegetables, autumn leaves or flowers, and Bible. Use this to publicize the November 18 meeting and as your center of interest for that meeting. . . . In the United States, November 18-24 is Know Your America Week. Materials for use in observing this week are available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor. . . . In cooperation with Executive Committee, plan a special emphasis for the November 25 meeting to stimulate your society's Christian citizenship project.

- LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Are you following up absentees by post cards, phone calls, or personal contacts? Are any staying away because of specific weaknesses in your society? If so, bring this to the attention of the Executive Committee. . . . See that new members are appointed to committees. . . . In the monthly consecration meeting, present the Christian Endeavor pledge. Be certain to make clear the requirements for signing the pledge for active members and the pledge for associate members.
- MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Plan the November 4 meeting. If your denomination has a mission emphasis other than East Asia, plan your meeting accordingly. Have a display of articles, maps, and pictures to go with the theme of the meeting. . . . Send Christmas letters to missionaries and overseas pen pals (those sent by regular mail should be sent in November; those by air mail, in early December).
- SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Have a Thanksgiving party, inviting a group of underprivileged children or young people to be your guests. Plan decorations, games, devotions, and refreshments around a Thanksgiving theme.
- CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: By announcements, poster, skit, attendance chart, etc., remind members to be faithful in attendance and attention at Sunday School and church services. . . . Does your church library have a game book? If not, perhaps your society can add one.

Program Plans

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

By Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Davies

CTOBER-DECEMBER TOPICS

tober 7	Partakers (constructive thoughts for partakers of the Lord's Supper)
tober 14	I'll Be Listening (means of listening to God and hearing His call)
tober 21	When God Is Here (God's help as a means of understanding and solving daily problems)
tober 28	"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (the meaning of the Reformation and denominational origins)
vember 4	On the Rim of East Asia (life among Christians in Korea, Okinawa, Taiwan, and Hong Kong)
vember 11	"In God We Trust" (manifesting trust in God through participation in civic affairs as Christian citizens)
vember 18	My Life—a Thank You (differences which being thankful makes in daily living)
vember 25	The Pause That Refreshes (spiritual nourishment through daily observance of the Quiet Hour)
cember 2	"I'll Get You Back" (dangers involved in trying to get even with others)
cember 9	Don't Sell a Best-Seller Short (establishing the habit of daily Bible reading)
December 16	Personalized Performance (participation in missions through praying, giving, and going)
December 23	The Charted Course (God's plan for the redemption of the world through His only begotten Son)
December 30	A Strong Finisher (the importance of always following through to the end)

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

September

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Be sure you have had your planning conference by the middle of the month. If promotion in graded Christian Endeavor was not done in the spring in your church, work with other societies in planning a promotion service. Has your society begun work on its citizenship activity for the year? Be sure it is entered in the Citizenship Awards Program by next February 4!
- DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Lead September 9 and 16 meetings on the Christian Endeavor program, using as many visual aids as possible. Arrange for a pre-prayer service before each devotional meeting; program participants should meet to pray with you. Urge systematic Bible reading among your members; direct attention to the daily Bible readings in connection with each topic. The American Bible Society

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has available a folder "Holy Bible—My Reading Record" ($1.00 per 100). Make a special emphasis on Bible reading during the September 23 and 30 meetings.

• LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Have a simple meal at the church or one of your homes and plan a visitation program for your society. In twos, call on Junior High graduates and welcome them to your Senior High Christian Endeavor. Be sure to invite also summer newcomers to your community whom you may have missed during the vacation.

• MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Arrange for a few minutes in different meetings to present the missionary program of your society and of your church. Urge members to pray for missionaries whom you support. Compile information for the November 4 meeting. Contact your denominational headquarters or the International Society of Christian Endeavor for material.

• SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Learn to know each other at a gala get-acquainted party. At all meetings, be sure that everyone receives a sincere welcome. Always introduce visitors and new members and help them to get acquainted. Mak a point to be especially friendly to youth who tend to "stand back."

• CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Select an annual project by which you can be of special help to your church. Meet with other representatives of the church to make the selection: worship center, recordings of the Bible for shut-ins, series of filmstrips, etc. Contact your minister as to how your members can assist in the work of the church during the coming months, and then arrange for youth to assume these responsibilities. Urge faithful attendance at all services, and set an example by your own faithfulness.

October

• EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Have you prepared a financial budget for the coming year? Be sure that careful reports of offerings and expenditures are given regularly to your society. Start work on your Thanksgiving and Christmas projects, and also on your Christian Endeavor Week observance. Order your packet from the International Society. Have you made a gift to your state union or the International Society for placing an Outdoor Poster early next year? Consider making nomination of a citizenship activity to Freedoms Foundation.

• DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Plan to attend World-Wide Communion services in your church as a society. Ask your minister to discuss the Lord's Supper with you in your October 7 meeting. For the October 14 topic, have everyone listen to a tape recording of a sermon and then make an outline of the main points of the message. Help leader of the October 28 meeting to make a chronology of church history. Ask the leaders of the month if they need more help than you've been giving them.

• LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Contact potential members of your society by various means: post card, telephone, personal call, etc. Consider preparing a mimeographed newsletter about the work of your society and Christian Endeavor activities in your county and state, and in your nation and around the world. Contact postal authorities for mailing regulations. When you send sick or birthday cards, enclose Christian Endeavor folders available from the International Society or Biblical tracts from your church.

• MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Contact local institutions about a possible project for Thanksgiving and Christmas, such as a devotional service, tray favors, and friendly visits. Use a large wall map to remind society members of the locations of your missionary representatives. On October 7 show what time missionaries around the world are observ World-Wide Communion.

• SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Plan a History Mystery p for Halloween with guests masquerading as historical c acters. Plan games based on historical events, and have d tions stressing history which Christians are making for C and the Church. Or you may want to plan a College N activity to which you invite other youth groups in y community. Present information concerning several chu related colleges.

• CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Get your Sept ber project selection under way. Are your society mem helping in various church services and activities? You be of much help in the evening worship services; con your minister about what you can do. Is there any cleaning at the church with which you can help?

November

• EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Check on plans for y observance of 1963 Christian Endeavor Week. This is a g month for the promotion of stewardship. How many of y members belong to the Tenth Legion? Send a special th you note to those who have helped your society in the year.

• DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Prepare and mimeogr Thanksgiving Day family devotions for home use by y members. For "Know Your America Week" November 24 mark historic areas on a map of the United States Canada and tell how events which took place there affe the spiritual development of your country. You might m an explanation of the Lifework Recruit program in con tion with the November 18 topic. Explanatory folders enrollment cards are available from the International Soci Does your church have a teen-age choir? If not, you m initiate one.

• LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Is your membership roll to-date? Does it include names, addresses, telephone n bers, and membership status (active or associate)? S an attendance campaign and check up on missing mem You might make contacts with radio and television stat for programs during Christian Endeavor Week and v store owners for display space during this birthday w Check the Manual in your Christian Endeavor Week Pa for materials and helps.

• MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Lead or assist with November 4 missionary meeting. Pray specifically for a tain missionary at each meeting. Prepare bright favors v a Christian message for the Thanksgiving trays at a hosp convalescent home, or children's home in your commun

• SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Plan a holiday Thanksgiv party to which you invite college friends who are home the week end. (In Canada this can happen in Octob This might be an early morning breakfast with devoti following. Afterward you might go together to sing for sick or shut-ins of your community. Sponsor an after-chu social for your congregation on Sunday night after chu and serve pumpkin pie to everybody. You might hav pie-eating contest among some of your members—and sent a pie to the winner!

• CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Promote your ciety's attendance at your church or community Thar giving services. Help plan and prepare both outdoor indoor Christmas decorations for your church or commu which will portray the real meaning of Christmas. Volunt your services to assist in various programs and activi during the Christmas season. Many societies can help shovel snow in order to keep the walks clear at the chu throughout the winter.

Topics FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

Give of Your Best to the Master

I Corinthians 6:19,20; Psalm 1:1-6

dance for Leaders

or many societies, this will be the official fall meeting. Get started a real challenge. This topic can y make it possible. Perhaps it is also secration Sunday. The meeting is ned to conclude with an act of dedi- on or rededication to the Master by Endeavorer after having been ulated by the challenge of the topic. repare the young people a week two in advance for what will be ected of them during the consecra- service.

ublicize the meeting beforehand. the church bulletin or calendar, letin board, local newspaper, and er adaptable means. Secure names the church roll, the Sunday School, ut, and any other available youth s, and send invitations to prospective nbers, new and old.

f the weather is still agreeable, an door meeting could be held, perhaps n beginning with a wiener roast or nic supper. Strive to attract other ng people from the community.

ggested Program

-Prayer Service
lude: *Have Thine Own Way*
nn: *I Would Be Like Jesus*
yer by the Leader
nn: *I Am Happy in the Service of he King*
ipture Reading: I Corinthians 6:19,20; 'salm 1:1-6
yer: Using directed prayer would be ifferent, helpful, and effective. Per- haps the counselor or minister could ame several things for which to ray, and then time should be allowed or each one to pray silently.
nn: *I Surrender All* or *Living for esus*
nouncements
ering and Offertory Prayer
cial Music
roduction of Topic by Leader
cussion of Giving
Questions for Discussion
Consecration Service
Closing Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Mizpah Benediction

Topic Introduction

Read the topic development over carefully, including all Scripture references. You are then prepared to make notes for your leader's talk.

In this, plan to acquaint the young people with the general theme of the topic. Draw attention to the fact that tomorrow is Labor Day. This holiday makes us think of vocations. Looking ahead to our lifework makes us necessarily realize the importance of learning, education, and school, which is about to open.

Challenge all youth present to plan to give of their best in their vocations. They should also give of their best NOW, where they are every day, in preparation for the future.

Talks for Youth

GIFTS RECEIVED

God is good. He is constantly giving to us. He knows all our needs and desires before we can even put them into words. All that we have, all that we are, and all that we ever hope to be are from Him.

Our health, our friends, our families, and our homes are all examples of the gifts which God gives us. Even the abilities and the opportunities to work and to study are gifts from God. Grace, which is the unmerited favor of God, is among the greatest of all His gifts. We have not deserved God's forgiveness, but He has made it possible for all our sins to be forgiven through Jesus Christ.

Even life itself is a gift. No one can create life except God Himself. After we have received the gift of life, the most desirable gift of all is eternal life. It was made possible through Christ's great sacrifice on Calvary, but we need only accept it as a gift. No amount of money or good works can buy eternal life.

Acts 16:31 points the way to eternal life, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." And John 3:16 also points out that through believing in Christ we are assured of everlasting life, a free gift from God.

God continues to give to us. Our cup is overflowing. The parable of the talents in Matthew 25 tells us that if we are faithful in the use of what God gives us, then we will be given much more.

BETTER TO GIVE

When we were small, we heard often from parents, teachers, and friends, "It is better to give than to receive." It was difficult for us to understand then when we wanted to receive so many things, but we have realized the truth of this statement often since then. Receiving brings fun and excitement, but never does it give the satisfying feeling of joy that giving brings to us.

Youthfulness is one of our most precious gifts. We must not hoard it or pretend to keep it. Instead we must devote our youth to the Giver, and we shall receive in abundance. In Luke 6:38 Jesus says, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over."

We must be ready and willing when God calls us to a particular task. We must be willing to answer yes if he calls us to some form of professional full-time Christian service. We must be willing to do whatever He calls us to do in full-time Christian living.

We must listen for His call to "follow me," "feed my lambs," "deny thyself," "take up thy cross," and then give of ourselves to the Master. It is always better to give than to receive.

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GIVE OF YOUR BEST

As Christians, we must even now explore the broad scope of vocations open to us. We must seek God's guidance in the path that leads to our lifework. Into whatever area of labor He leads us, we must be willing to follow and to give our best.

It is important to choose a vocation worthy of receiving our best. In any area of life, we must not settle for second best. We must give of the first fruits of our lives when we give to the Master.

A proper proportion of our time must be given to the Master too. We are tempted to do everything that we want to do and then to give whatever time is left, if any, to God. But He who has given us all the time we have must have first place in the use of our time. Otherwise, we are stealing from Him.

All of us have been blessed with one or more talents. We develop these special gifts through the use we make of them. We must use them to the glory of the One who has made them possible for us. We must glorify God instead of ourselves in the use of our talents.

GIVE UNTO HIM

Today, now, right where we are, we must give unto Christ. We must make every moment count for Him. In our schoolwork, we must give of our best. In church, in Christian Endeavor, in Sunday school, and in everything else we must give the very best that we have.

A long-cherished book, yet still a current best seller, entitled *In His Steps*, by Charles M. Sheldon, leaves each reader with a challenging thought or question. It suggests that before any decision is made, no matter how major or minor it may seem, we should ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?" There is no surer way of bringing the best that is in us into our actions.

Questions for Discussion

1. What are some gifts from God which we often take for granted and for which we often forget to give thanks?

2. Would one be happy if he constantly gave gifts, but received nothing in return for himself? Why?

3. What are some vocations which might be entered worthily by Christian young people? What are some that are not worthy of Christian youth?

4. What would be the result of asking ourselves "What would Jesus do?" before making decisions? Apply this question to some of the problems which face Junior Highs daily.

5. What areas of our lives can be dedicated to Christ and to His service?

Consecration Service

Being the first Sunday of the month, this is Consecration Sunday in many Christian Endeavor Societies. It can be very appropriately observed following tonight's discussion.

Have each one who will to go forward, light a candle, and then verbally dedicate at least a portion of his life to Christ, remembering that He ch the best in each one.

Give Him first place in your l as well as first place in your ser

Guidance for Counselors

Now that the new season is here, h to operate the society in the way that make it more efficient and effective. Ju Highs are not likely to lead in a pu way unless adults advise, direct, lead, even "push." They are willing but a the encouragement or enthusiasm w counselors can provide.

Sit down with the leaders for the month, along with at least the chairma the Devotional Committee, and help in planning of these coming meetings. Arr for advance publicity; insert something in each meeting. Make sure the mee are planned to hold the interest of comers and to inspire those who only a because they are sent.

Young people of Junior High age ca be expected to plan what adults call a meeting by only handing them a cop "THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WOR Give them direction and assistance. encourages advance planning, which i self is a necessity to achievement. C leaders do not just happen—they grow.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Aug. 27 Empowered by One God Ephesians

T. Aug. 28 Personal Gifts from God Matthew 25:

W. Aug. 29 Faithfulness Required I Corinthians

T. Aug. 30 Serving for God's Glory I Peter 4

F. Aug. 31 Personal Responsibility Jeremiah 31:

S. Sept. 1 Immediate Service Mark 1:

Sun. Sept. 2—Topic: Give of Your Best to Master

I Corinthians 6:19,20; Psalm

Comments by Pearl F. Reed, director of Chri Endeavor and church secretary of First Chur Evans, Derby, New York

Do Your Committees Give Their Best?

There is no better time than now, at the beginning of the fall season, to organize your society properly. Analyze yourselves to see whether you have working or non-working committees. Does your society consist of committees or of committee chairmen who act only on occasion? Do these committees meet monthly to plan and present society projects and activities? Do you have at least the five major committees—Devotional (Prayer Meeting), Lookout (Membership), Missionary, Social (Recreation) and Church Activity?

As a result of studying this topic "Give of Your Best to the Master," determine as committees to give of your best to the Master for the good of your society. Let each committee, with the counselor and/or president, plan a time when they can get together for an hour or two each month to make future plans. Having the counselor and/or president attend each of these committee meetings will give coordination to the plans which are made.

The Devotional Committee should make general plans for six months or a year. More definite plans should be made assigning leaders and topics for two or three months. Changes may have to be made as circumstances develop later, but better to have a plan to change than no plan at all!

The Missionary Committee should determine some types of meetings they desire to present in the coming year, clearing definite plans with the Devotional Committee. Proj for missionaries or hospitals, etc. should be planned, suc rolling bandages, sending school or first-aid supplies, flan graph materials, and other items.

The Lookout Committee should secure names from Sunday school, Scout units, public schools, and other sour and then make plans for contacting these young people telephone, letter, and by personal visit to invite them Christian Endeavor. Don't overlook inactive members.

The Social Committee should make general plans for social a month for six months to a year. Assign responsi ties of clearing dates for places desired, of securing refr ments for event, of publicizing it, etc. Plan a variety of ac ties. Do not plan anything which your church or the Chris Endeavor movement would not approve. The church m have standards which differ from those of schools and cl Do not plan any questionable or debatable activity. I good wholesome recreation for your Christian Endea group, always on a high Christian level.

The Church Activity Committee should confer with minister to find what helpful work they can do for church. Some possibilities are janitorial services, paint and cleaning, work in the church office, raking lea providing flowers for the church altar. Most ministers have further and numerous ideas. Plan to help others their work in the church through this committee.

Topic 1 in a Unit: The Power of Purpose

Junior Highs for Christ

Romans 12

Here's what it is: a consideration of e meaning of two basic Christian En-eavor principles for Junior Highs
Here's who are needed: leader, four embers to give talks on Biblical youth, nd perhaps your minister
Here's how it's done: talks by members, nd problem solving and group discussion r self-analysis questionnaire and call to ommitment to Christ

olicity

Iake a colorful poster of a church ding with a group of Junior Highs roaching it. Write the words *Don't s It* at the top, and at the bottom ds to announce the meeting.

ggested Program

Prayer Service
ude: *Lead On, O King Eternal*
nt Prayer
der's Introduction
nn: *Living for Jesus*
cial Music
pture Reading: Romans 12
or Highs in the Bible
nn: *I Would Be Like Jesus*
FIRST ALTERNATE
olem Solving
ow-Up Discussion
SECOND ALTERNATE
king in a Mirror
nmitment to Christ
ering
pah Benediction

ader's Introduction

ince we're back in school and re-ing much we have forgotten during summer, let's have a little review e too. Who will name the four basic ciples of Christian Endeavor?
Be sure you know the answer—con-ion of Christ, service for Christ, lty to Christ's Church, fellowship Christ's people.)
his evening we want to discuss the two principles—confession of ist and service for Christ—as they ly to our society and to our lives.

nior Highs in the Bible

JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

he account of Jesus in the temple in e 2:41-52 is the only Biblical account His life from the time of His birth until the beginning of His public ministry at the age of 30.

It was a strenuous journey to Jerusalem and required much preparation. It is significant that the company stayed until all the days of Passover were fulfilled. Some people leave church today before the benediction to put potatoes on the stove.

It was customary to visit the temple before leaving for home. Perhaps Jesus stayed behind to do so. He must have been a trustworthy son, or the parents would have kept a closer watch on Him. Each parent must have thought that He was with the other group, as the women often traveled together, and the men likewise. Also, Jesus was already 12 years old.

When they looked for Him, He was not found in the market playing, but in the temple hearing and asking questions. One commentary says that students stood, but Jesus was allowed to sit because of His knowledge. What a terrific lead those teachers had to recognize Jesus as the Son of God!

DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS

Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem, and took Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah as captives. They were taken to the strange and ungodly land of Chaldea.

Their names had reference to the almighty God, but these were soon changed to those signifying heathen gods. For example, one was named Shadrach, which refers to the sun which the Chaldeans worshipped.

Then came the time that wine and rich food were offered to them. Their hearts were not changed with their names, and so Daniel, the spokesman, asked for vegetables and water for a ten-day trial.

As you know, at the end of the ten days they looked so much better than the others that their wish was granted for the rest of the training, which probably lasted three years. At this time they were brought before the king. After having examined them, he said they were ten times better than all the rest of the magicians and astrologers of his realm.

It is amazing what God will do to our minds when we eat the proper food, get the right amount of rest, and most of all obey Him. Give God a chance!

MIRIAM AND BABY MOSES

Miriam is the youth whom we are considering in this case, but very little is said about her in the Bible. However, she was a girl whom her mother trusted. No doubt she was very careful to whom she spoke and about what she said during the three months that the family was hiding baby Moses in the house.

Then when she was at the waterside with the baby, there were tense moments caused by passers-by, the crocodiles, and the water. She did not speak too soon or too late when the princess came and found Moses. Neither did she say too much. One can imagine her guarding her facial expression with much care.

The baby's mother was chosen to care for him for a while, and again we see the miraculous hand of God with a teen-ager playing her part.

NAAMAN'S SLAVE MAID

The Syrians had gone into the territory of the Israelites, and among the captives they brought back was a girl who became a slave in Naaman's house. He was a man of great valor, but he had leprosy.

Here is where the teen-ager enters the picture. She recommended Elisha to him. Remember that she was a slave, and could have had a heart full of envy and grudges, feeling that leprosy was his punishment. But instead, her heart was full of sympathy. Grudges always hurt us more than they do the other person. She made the best of her situation. She did not forget about her God.

She must have been an obedient servant, for she made a favorable impression on Naaman and he followed

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her suggestion. Her simple faith was rewarded, for her master complied to the commands of Elisha, God's prophet, and he was healed.

Problem Solving

These are true to life examples for your group to discuss.

1. Helen, who lives in Rochester, is a member of the Bible Club at school and carries her Bible to her classes. One teacher makes fun of her. What should Helen do?

2. Ruth in Ohio feels that God has called her to be a missionary. Her parents disagree and make it difficult for her. What should she do?

3. Judy lives in Pennsylvania and was asked to join a secret immoral club in school. She refused, whereupon she was threatened if she told their secret. Should she tell her principal?

4. Martha's African parents have chosen a husband, Foday, for her. He already has three wives, and so she has refused. They beat her. The time came for her Christian marriage to Jim, and Foday came along with a long list of expensive claims that he said he had given as a dowery. What should the missionary advise?

5. A group of young people in Detroit went to a restaurant and planned devotions for their Christian Endeavor meetings. They quoted Scriptures loudly, and most of the customers stopped to listen. Were they witnessing for Christ? Was it effective?

Follow-Up Discussion

Perhaps somebody can give a short review of *In His Steps Today* by Charles Sheldon as background for your discussion. Discuss what you can do together to serve Christ during the week.

Some suggestions are: inviting prospects to attend church, distributing tracts or other literature for the church, helping shut-ins with fall clean-up jobs, assisting the minister, or inviting school friends to attend Christian Endeavor with you.

Plan to have reports of interesting experiences at your next meeting.

Looking in a Mirror

We have heard it said that the Bible can act as a mirror in our lives. When we look into it, it reflects what we ought to be and what we ought to do. When we compare this with what we actually are and what we do, we know there is much to be desired, much that is lacking, much that is missing!

In the 12th chapter of Romans, which was selected long ago to be the Christian Endeavor chapter, we find an excellent mirror which should help teen-age Christian Endeavorers to realize the importance of yielding our lives to Jesus Christ to be used in His service.

Prepare a Self-Analysis Questionnaire for Teen-age Christians for your meeting. Have these mimeographed; or hand out blank papers, read the questions aloud, and have the others write the answers as you pause after each question.

The questions might be introduced thus: Teen-ager, you say you are a Christian. You have taken Christ as your personal Saviour from sin. You are living for Him. Well then, does this show in your life? Do others know by your actions at home, at school, at church, and in your community that you are committed to Christ? Ask yourself these questions (answer "yes" or "no" to each).

1. Are you friendly to everyone in your church?

2. Do you cooperate in all projects planned for your age group at church?

3. Do you volunteer to do things at church?

4. Do you ever whisper or talk during church services?

5. Are you concerned about the salvation of those in your Sunday school class?

6. Do you ever ask other young people to come to church with you?

7. Do you treat your pastor, Sunday school teacher, Christian Endeavor counselor, etc. with respect?

8. Do you like to be the "main show" at home?

9. Are you touchy when someone says something against you?

10. Do you ever lose your temper?

11. Do you get moody?

12. Do you listen to gossip about your friends?

13. Do you brag about yourself?

14. Do you pity yourself and think you should have better clothes and more of them?

15. Are you ashamed of anything about your parents or family?

16. Do you ever "poke fun" at others?

17. Are you friendly with outsiders with whom you do not travel?

18. Can you respect another's religious views if different from yours?

19. Do you allow younger brothers and sisters to have their television programs rather than insist on yours all the time?

20. Do you get home at the time you were instructed, in time for meals?

21. Would you "tone down" your record player out of respect for other members of your family?

22. Do you give your schoolteachers respect and attention?

23. Do you do all your homework yourself?

24. Do you depend on your own knowledge (and the help of the Lord) exclusively for tests in school?

25. Have you ever spoken to another teen-ager about his soul?

(Score as follows: 1 point for each correct answer. 1-3 should be "yes"; 4 "no"; 5-7 "yes"; 8-16 "no"; 17-25 "yes.")

What do we do after we count our score? We go to God's Word, Romans 12, and we "look in the mirror." Then discuss the following three points from Romans 12:1:

(1) What? "Present your bodies a living sacrifice." The death of Christ on the cross did away with any altar sacrifices of animals killed to make atonement for sin. Once and for all, Christ did that for us. One part is to give our bodies, our selves, our souls, and minds over to His keeping and service. We present them to Him and say, "Use us, Lord. as you want to. I'll go where you want me to go, do anything, say anything you want me to say, be anything you."

(2) How? "By the mercies of God." God could have punished man for his sins without providing a "way out." But He chose to let us see His wonderful mercy and His divine grace, in sending His Son Jesus to die for us. Thus, we give ourselves to God remembering how merciful God has been and is to us.

(3) Why? "Which is your reasonable service." This is nothing unusual to ask of us; it is the reasonable thing for us to do since we have been redeemed, to give our lives completely back to God.

Then we should go to God in prayer (it would be ideal to close with sentence prayers) and ask His help to improve ourselves so we can be better witnesses for Him.

Commitment to Christ

Consult your counselor and minister as to whether this would be a suitable time to give an opportunity for young people to express their commitment to Christ. Perhaps there are associate members of your society or other youth who should make their confession of Christ and become members of the church. This time of "Junior Highs for Christ" suggests itself as a possibility as a conclusion of your meeting. Ask your minister to be in charge.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 3	Confess Christ	Luke 1
T. Sept. 4	Serve Christ	Luke 6:
W. Sept. 5	Obey Christ	John 2
T. Sept. 6	Follow Christ	John 10:
F. Sept. 7	Receive Christ	Mark 9:
S. Sept. 8	Live Christ	Romans 1

Sun. Sept. 9—Topic: Junior Highs for Christ Romans

Comments by Erma L. Funk, elementary school teacher of Greencastle, Pennsylvania, and Richard Cattermole, counselor for the young people's society at Faith Evangelical Congregational Church, Temple, Pennsylvania

Topic 2 in a Unit: The Power of Purpose

Junior Highs for the Church

Ephesians 4:13-32

Here's what it is: a study of the meaning of two more basic Christian Endeavor principles for Christian youth
Here's who are needed: a leader, four members to give talks on the church
Here's how it's done: talks by members, group discussion, and planning of activities, or group study of daily Bible readings

ır Aims

To realize that the church is the nue through which we express our sonal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ
To accept the responsibilities of ng a part of the local church as well the privileges and blessings
To become more interested and ive in the program of the church at ne and the church universal

blicity

Perhaps you can make invitations to ne to the meeting in the shape of a ırch and hand them out to Junior ghs during Sunday School or at the se of the worship service. These can very simple or as elaborate as the ateur artist in your group wants to ke them.

Or you might like the idea of a ıvenir bookmark with a church either awn on it or pasted on it with some ought-provoking question such as Vill you be there?" or "Will He see u there?"

ggested Program

e-Prayer Service
ening Hymns: *The Church's One Foundation; Give of Your Best to the Master*
ripture Reading: Ephesians 4:13-32
em: "I Love Thy Church"
nouncements and Offering
ecial Music
ader's Introduction
lks on the Topic
estions for Discussion
anning of Activities
ntence Prayers: Pray for your local church and for the church in the whole world.
osing Hymn: *In the Service of the King*
izpah Benediction

Love Thy Church

love Thy Church, oh Lord,
love her name and Head.
grant her life eternally,
rist's precious blood was shed.

I love Thy Church, oh God,
I love its hymns of praise;
Its songs of faith and gratitude
My heart shall echo aye.

I love Thy Church, oh God,
Thy Word proclaimed in love;
It tells me how to live and die,
And meet Thy Church above!

Kate Vanderberg

Leader's Introduction

Our topic is quite similar to that of last week. Tonight's topic comes as a sequel. It follows naturally, doesn't it, that when one has given his heart to Christ, he serves Him through the church?

Last week our emphasis was on the first two basic principles of Christian Endeavor regarding the society member's relationship to Christ. Tonight's topic emphasizes the member's responsibility to the local church and the church universal.

All of us are familiar with the Christian Endeavor pledge. I would like for you to think especially of the part which says, "I will make it the rule of my life to pray and read the Bible, to support the work and worship of my church, and to take my part in the meetings and other activities of this society. I will seek to bring others to Christ, to give as I can for the spread of the Kingdom."

(You might use a miniature church building to point out to the group that its steeple points men toward God and toward Christ. If the church has a cross on the roof, explain that the cross is a symbol of the Christian faith and also points men to Christ and to heaven. Stress that by being loyal to the church we are also being loyal to Christ, who established the church on the day of Pentecost as it is narrated in Acts 2.)

Now some of our members will give talks concerning our loyalty to our own church and the church everywhere. Let us consider our loyalty as we listen.

Talks on the Topic

LOCAL CHURCH

Our responsibility as Christian youth to our local church is twofold. We have promised to support the work and worship of our church. In supporting its work, we must take our place in the church and share in its activities. We may be asked to sing, to play the piano, or just to accompany a group to some local mission, or hospital, or benevolent home. Let us accept each activity in which we are asked to participate, or better still, to volunteer our services; let us be enthusiastic Christians. Christian Endeavor has always emphasized loyalty to one's own church. We must enter wholeheartedly into our church's activities, for it is through the avenue of the church that we serve Christ.

The church also has services in which the congregation meets for the purpose of worshiping the Lord together. We sing His praises, pray together, and are instructed by our pastor about how to live and witness for Christ in our daily life. The worship service is a very important and necessary part of the church's activities. We should always be present for the services unless we can give our Lord a conscientious reason for not being there. We should go with the expectation of meeting God there.

Our attitude in church determines the degree of spiritual satisfaction we derive from it. Do you reverently wait for the worship service to begin? Are you enthusiastic in congregational singing? Does your heart echo an "Amen" to the pastor's prayer? Do you listen attentively to the sermon? Do you participate in the offering? Is your whole being attuned to God in your worship?

UNIVERSAL CHURCH

The second part of our responsibility to the church is our relation to the universal church. This is the church throughout the world. Christ commanded His disciples to preach the Gospel to all nations. This can best be accomplished by supporting our own church's missionary program, both foreign and home. Through prayerful, systematic giving the church of Christ can reach out to all people. Let us pray for our missionary work and ask the Lord if He wants us

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to go personally to other lands to tell of Christ's power to save. What a high privilege to be called by God to represent Him on the mission field! Whether you go yourself or enable others to go, if you participate in our church's endeavors to reach others with the Gospel message, you are helping to bring Christ's Kingdom among men.

THE CHURCH IS ETERNAL

Jesus expressed a significant fact about the church when He said upon Peter's confession "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" that He would build His church upon this confession and that the gates of hell could not prevail against it. Strong as the enemy may be against the church, all the evil forces that Satan may try to hurl against it cannot overthrow the church, because its foundations are built upon the Rock, Jesus Christ. To what a powerful organization one belongs when he is a part of the church!

The membership of the church is divided into two groups, the church militant and the church triumphant. Those whose earthly work is finished have become the church triumphant in heaven. The membership which is upon the earth is the militant church. It is one which has battles to wage against sin and the powers of darkness. The hymn writer expressed this idea of warfare for Christ when he wrote, "Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before." We will win an eternal victory over evil as the Church of Jesus Christ.

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH MEAN TO US?

To what do we give our allegiance when we become part of the church? When we promise to support the church with our talents, gifts, time, and energy, just how involved do we become? Belonging to the church must be a life-consuming commitment to Christ.

However, some do not seem to realize such demands upon their lives. Recently a young man came to church and left part of himself at home. It was during the communion service that he felt around in his pocket for a pencil and a piece of paper. While the organ was playing softly hymns pertaining to the suffering of Christ on the cross, this young man wrote down suggestions to make to his supervisor relating to improvements in the management of the company for which he worked. He put the paper back into his pocket just in time to receive communion. It was like sitting down to dinner without an appetite, for he had left his spiritual appetite at home.

What great blessings one misses when he thinks of the church in this manner! We must dedicate our whole beings to Christ, and then the blessings which we receive through the church will far surpass any earthly rewards.

Questions for Discussion

1. When did Christ establish the church?

2. When was our own local church established?

3. Who is the head of the church?

4. Who are the leaders of our own local church?

5. What part can Junior Highs assume in the program of the church?

6. How can we Junior Highs show our loyalty to the church?

7. How does Christian Endeavor provide wider fellowship with Christ's people for us?

Planning of Activities

You may want to take time in your meeting to plan some activities by which you can express your loyalty to church together. Perhaps the Ch Activity Committee could be in ch of this feature. Here are some gestions:

1. Plan to sit together in your ch worship services for four Sundays.

2. Give an opportunity for mem to enroll in the Tenth Legion by p ising to tithe their allowance or inco "What Is the Tenth Legion?" folders Tenth Legion enrollment cards can secured from the International So of Christian Endeavor.

3. If you have no church libr perhaps your group can begin suc project. Ask your pastor and o church leaders for suggested books procedures. You may have some b at home which you would like to tribute. Accept only the books appr by your church leaders.

4. Write to the International So of Christian Endeavor for suggest concerning correspondence with End orers in other lands.

5. Plan to attend Christian Ende union meetings. You will find that y of other races and denominations h the same interests and the same devo to Christ in Christian Endeavor.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 10 The Rock of Confession Matthew 16:1

T. Sept. 11 Christ the Foundation I Corinthians 3

W. Sept. 12 Christ the Head Colossians 1:

T. Sept. 13 Built of Living Stones I Peter 2

F. Sept. 14 Daily Additions to the Churc Acts 2:4

S. Sept. 15 The Need for Assembling Hebrews 10:2

Sun. Sept. 16—Topic: Junior Highs for Church Ephesians 4:1

Comments by Kate Vanderberg, who tea Bible and English at Timothy Christian School in Cicero, Illinois

Alternate Method of Development

You may want to ask six of your members to read the daily Bible readings for the week and comment upon them. These readings should lead to further discussion by the entire group.

1. *The Rock of Confession—Matthew 16:13-18.* The Church of Christ is founded upon the Rock, Jesus Christ. Every Christian should feel in his heart as Peter did that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. The powers of evil, even Satan himself, cannot cause the church to fall. What should this assurance mean to Christian youth?

2. *Christ the Foundation — I Corinthians 3:5-15.* Christ Himself is all in all of the church. The pastor and others who lead in the church are merely used by Christ to bring others to Him. The church needs more and more workers as the population of the world continues to increase. How can we take our places as Christian youth among such workers?

3. *Christ the Head—Colossians 1:19,20.* Through His atonement for sin on the cross, Christ has reconciled us with the Father and taken His place at the head of all belie in Him. What does this mean to youth who bec Christians?

4. *Built of Living Stones—1 Peter 2:1-10.* Christ are living stones, and we are built upon Jesus Christ, chief cornerstone. To unbelievers the stone is an offe but to us who believe Christ is precious. How can express our love for Him in our daily lives?

5. *Daily Additions to the Church — Acts 2:42-47.* early church grew steadily as the Lord added members the church. This was not a manmade activity, but work of the Lord. The Lord adds today those who beli in Christ and confess Him before others. How does Lord add us to the church?

6. *The Need for Assembling — Hebrews 10:22-25.* Th is still great need for Christians to assemble together. should be anxious to gather with the people of God and praise Him in His house. This passage tells us how are to approach this experience of Christian assembly — "w a true heart in full assurance of faith." What does mean for us as we come to church each Lord's Day?

Topic 1 in a Unit: Adventures with Jonah

Jonah Preaches

Jonah 3

ps and Hints for the unselor

he resources given below are not com- in themselves. There are suggestions a variety of topic presentations to help or Highs understand the severe conse- ces of disobeying God's will and the value of obedience.

ou may give a brief talk yourself calling ation to the man Jonah and pointing the fact that God's way calls for com- e obedience to His will. God's plan udes everyone, regardless of race, creed, olor.

ther Scripture stories or incidents that related to this theme will help make r point. Stories of Moses, Jacob, and ah come quickly to mind. The Bible is of men who tried to run away and ed. In the New Testament the rich ng ruler "went away sorrowful, for he great possessions." Jesus also told the y of the one-talent man who was aid" and hid his talent instead of using The desire for things or greed is familiar ur time as well.

ds for Promotion

Draw sea shells on colored paper for nted invitations to your meeting. ur promotion will depend upon the e of topic presentation that you ect.

For example, if you use a play, you uld borrow the idea of television mmercials to announce it to your embers on Sunday morning. Write ads omoting the use of the new, expanded mat of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAV- WORLD. The Citizenship Awards ogram of the International Society uld also be a sponsor of the play. Here an opportunity for you to use your eative imagination for Christ.

ggested Methods of esentation

1. *Worship service.* Choose appro- iate poetry, prayers, and music from e worship resources listed below.

2. *Dramatized conversation as out- ed below.* This should be given in conversational tone and practiced forehand. Three members of your oup will be needed besides the leader.

3. *Drama.* See the script suggested low. This will require careful advance eparation. However, the emphasis ould be on the *meaning* instead of the ting of the drama. Be sure to use a orshipful setting.

If you think the point of the drama should be made more specific, use a brief meditation which points out that we, like Jonah, disobey God's will in our lives by being concerned only with our own wants and desires. Thoughts for the meditation could also come as a result of an assignment carried out by a group of your members. Ask them to write a meditation for this purpose.

This will give several Junior Highs an opportunity to participate, both in preparing for the meeting and in taking part in the meeting.

4. *Group Discussion.* Give attention to the central ideas of the topic. You might tell the story of Jonah in your own words, or relate some true experience that is familiar to your group. It should have an implication similar to "The Hard Lesson" given below. Stress the trouble caused by disobedience and the value of obedience. Guard against artificiality. The situation must ring true to youth. Then the question period and discussion which follow will come more naturally.

Suggested questions to provoke thought and reflection are given below under "Things to Think about." Allow time after each question for thought and discussion. The period might be closed with a short time for silent prayer.

5. *Hymn Interpretation.* Study carefully beforehand and then explain in the meeting the words of Frederick William Faber's hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy.* Point out that God's mercy gives us strength to face the stern realities of life and to overcome our tendency to disobey God.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1

Hymn: *Take Time to Be Holy*

Scripture Reading: Jonah 3

Allow for a short period of quietness after the reading. A few questions may be suggested such as: "Have I tried to learn what it means to obey God's will?" "Have I hesitated to obey God because of what others might think of me?" "Do I tend to drag my feet, or am I eager to do God's will?" "Do I easily forget unpleasant and difficult tasks?"

Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*

Period of Meditation: During this period the pianist should play softly *Have Thine Own Way.* As the music is played the leader should suggest some ideas for meditation. The following "imaginings" should be adapted to your youth group, or others may be substituted.

Imagine yourself a person who cannot find time to think about God's will. (Period of silence)

Imagine yourself sharing your Christian witness with other youth in your community. (Period of silence)

Imagine yourself one of those in a group who refuses to serve on a youth committee—because it demands too much. (Period of silence)

At the conclusion of the meditation, a soloist might sing the words of the music that has been used in the background for the meditation.

Poem: "The Hound of Heaven," by Francis Thompson

Unison Prayer (repeated after leader): O God, may we have a new awareness of Thy will. May we feel the sorrow and loneliness and heartache we bring to others and ourselves when we disobey Thy will. May we resolve to obey Thee rather than serve lesser gods. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Topic Presentation (chosen from above)
Hymn: *For Christ and the Church*
Closing Meditation led by Counselor
Benediction

Dramatized Conversation: The Adventures of Jonah

NARRATOR: The Book of Jonah conveys a religious message for all times. It is a story of the adventures of the prophet Jonah. God spoke to Jonah and made his will known to Jonah. Jonah thought he could flee God's presence.

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JUNIOR HIGH: Why did Jonah flee? Amos, Isaiah, and Jeremiah responded to God's call. A prophet is called by God to speak for Him. Paul said, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."

THE VOICE OF JONAH: I am a nice and kind person. Some struggle to know God's will that they may do it. But that wasn't my problem. I knew God's will, but I wanted God to be on my side. I wanted to do my own will, and so I turned my back on God.

NARRATOR: Sometimes humor gets the message over when everything else fails. Jesus used humor to unmask the hypocrises and follies of man. The Book of Jonah holds up the absurdity of Jonah's attitudes for all to see.

See the lordly Jonah paying his fare and boarding the ship. He goes down into the ship and falls fast asleep. Jonah snores!

JUNIOR HIGH: Where was Jonah going? Our ways and thoughts are silly at times. Didn't Jonah know that God's way requires loyalty and devotion?

VOICE OF JONAH: I confess. Since God was not on my side, I fled. Although I am a good person, my views are often narrow and little.

JUNIOR HIGH: Wasn't Jonah afraid to run away from God?

NARRATOR: Jonah fell fast asleep. He was comfortable and satisfied with himself. We, too, profess to have faith in Christ, but we do little for Him and the church. It's easy to forget and disobey God and think only of our own interests.

JUNIOR HIGH: I wonder if there are any modern Ninevehs which need to hear and obey God's voice. Is God calling us to the noisy streets of blighted cities? Is God calling us to the hungry and sick and the outcasts or strangers in towns and cities around us?

NARRATOR: In every community and in every place there is a Nineveh making its claim upon our hearts.

JUNIOR HIGH: How will we answer God's call in our time? This is no time for Christian youth to be timid. Let's focus our response to Christ and the church on projects of Christian service. We will not hide the facts or run away from the ugly social spots in our society. If we dare for Christ, we will show our determination to "Arise, go to Nineveh, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

NARRATOR: Disobedience leads to disaster. A storm came up at sea. In a life-or-death situation Jonah offered himself to be thrown into the sea to quiet the storm. He was swallowed by a "great fish," and after three days he was thrown upon the shore.

JUNIOR HIGH: This "fish story" is a problem to me.

NARRATOR: Let's not stumble over the "great fish." It was God's judgment upon Jonah's disobedience, and when we disobey God we suffer the discipline of God's judgement also.

JUNIOR HIGH: Yes, to live for God, we must do God's will in our time.

VOICE OF JONAH: Again I stood in the presence of God. My spirit was no longer a grudging spirit. With real gusto I cried out the message of God. And Nineveh repented! In God's presence I have become a changed man.

LEADER: We, too, like Jonah want the world to go our way. The light shone brightly for Jonah only when he was ready to receive God's word and obey it. There will be real happiness for us also only when we are willing to obey God in our own lives.

Things to Think about

1. Do you find excuses to evade your Christian responsibilities such as "I'm tired" and "I'm busy"?

2. Are you interested in telling others about Jesus Christ?

3. Do you help newcomers in the community to feel at home in our society?

4. Is a special kind of courage needed to be a loyal and obedient Christian?

5. Are you willing to admit you have done wrong and to be forgiven by God?

Drama

The story of Jonah could be made into a forceful play. If you choose to dramatize the story, here are a few suggestions. You will need the following:

1. One youth to prepare the background for the presentation. Use large pieces of brown paper or old sheets for this purpose.

2. Several members to represent Jonah and the sailors.

3. An unseen voice to represent the voice of God or Jonah's conscience. Be sure to rehearse beforehand and then to say the words of Jonah 3 with much feeling and give the others time to understand.

4. Another youth or your counselor to explain the meaning of the drama. Be sure to apply it to the lives of Christian youth today.

Or you may want to tell or to ask a member of your group to tell in a dramatic fashion the following true-to-life story.

THE HARD LESSON

School's out and tomorrow is Saturday. Chris can hardly wait for the annual all-church outing. This year it is to be a family picnic and vesper serv
Fun, food, and games plus an outd
worship service make up the day's p
gram. It is to be a real day of Christ
fellowship.

The whole family is excited at bre
fast. Last-minute preparations are ma
and then everyone checks equipm
such as extra clothes to see that t
have everything they'll need.

Chris and his family met their frie
and neighbors at the Cloverdale Fa
which was the site of the picnic. T
high light of the day would be the e
ning vesper service.

Chris and his best friend, Mark, w
hiking after the noon lunch. They
so warm that Chris took off his sh
Later Mark said, "Better put on y
shirt before you catch cold, Chr
Chris looked for his shirt, but
couldn't find it anywhere. He h
lost it. And he hadn't brought alo
an extra shirt or sweater. His feet a
socks were also wet from wading
the cool stream on their hike.

When they returned, Chris' fat
noticed that he seemed to have a fe
and to be catching a cold. "Well,
looks like I'll have to take Chris hom
By evening Chris' throat was quite so
He couldn't even swallow very well, b
he didn't say anything.

"Well, it looks like I'm going to ha
to take Chris home to the doctor,"
Dad said after the evening meal. "T
bad," said Mark. And Chris still look
worse.

Dad gave Chris two cold tablets a
said seriously, "Son, you've really pa
quite a price for disobeying the ru
of camping and picnicking — not comi
prepared, losing things, and then
saying you didn't have enough d
clothes. We'll all just have to cut o
day short and miss the vesper servic

Dad led Chris to the car, and t
rest of the family followed along
very happily. Chris felt very bad.
looked up and said, "I'm sorry D
How can I earn the money to pay
another shirt?"

Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 17 God Speaks to Jonah Jonah 1:
T. Sept. 18 Jonah in the Storm Jonah 1:4
W. Sept. 19 Jonah in the Sea Jonah 1:14
T. Sept. 20 Jonah Prays Jonah 2:
F. Sept. 21 Jonah Repents Jonah 2:7
S. Sept. 22 God Speaks Again to Jonah Jonah 3:
Sun. Sept. 23—Topic: Jonah Preaches Jonah

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Topic 2 in a Unit: Adventures with Jonah

Jonah Pouts

Jonah 4

OUR AIMS

1. To consider some situations in which we sometimes feel like pouting

2. To discover why we sometimes are dissatisfied when God's will is done and how we can overcome this attitude

ublicity

Make a tall, thin poster. Draw a vine id a gourd or fasten a real gourd to the ne (see Jonah 4). Draw a comic type en-ager under the vine. Have a pouty ok on his face. In smaller letters write *ver feel like being* and in larger letters MODERN JONAH? Also include the date, me, and place of your meeting, of urse.

If your attendance suffered a summer-me slump and hasn't yet recovered, ake a special effort to get it back to rmal this week. Make telephone calls id speak to those who haven't been tending regularly. When they hear ou say you've missed them and want see them at this meeting, some or l of them will surely respond!

Assign certain names of absentees to ch regular attender. That way no one ill be missed. However, if someone eets or talks to an absentee whose ame isn't on his list, he should also lk to that person about going to Chris-an Endeavor. Include new prospects o.

uggested Program

re-Prayer Service
relude
Hymn: *I Would Be Like Jesus*
rayer
eader's Introduction
leet Jonah
lodern Jonahs?
le — a Jonah?
anel — Why We Pout
ircular Response — How Not to Pout
cripture Search
ong: *God's Way My Way*
losing Prayer

efore the Meeting

Ask someone to tell or read the story f Jonah. This person should be good at torytelling or reading. If the story is ead, read it form a Bible story book.

If your church has a filmstrip library, heck to see if it includes a presentation n Jonah or if one could be ordered in time for your meeting. *Jonah and the Big Fish* is the title of a filmstrip produced by Moody Institute of Science, 11428 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles 25, California. The filmstrip with narration booklet costs $5.00; a recorded narration with sound effects and musical background is available on 33⅓ rpm record for $4.00.

If you use a filmstrip, omit the telling or reading of the story.

If you dramatize Jonah 4, be certain to choose the three persons for the drama at least a week in advance. They should rehearse at least once.

With your counselor's guidance, select the other three or four persons for the panel. Do this at least one week in advance.

Leader's Introduction

First of all this evening we'll take a look at the real Jonah who was first a runaway, then a messenger for God, and then a pouty person when he saw the outcome of his doing God's will.

Secondly, we'll think about some situations in which we may be a modern Jonah or at least be tempted to be one.

Then we'll consider why we sometimes feel like pouting as Jonah did and how we can overcome this temptation.

Meet Jonah

As a review of last week's topic and as a background for this topic, have a filmstrip of Jonah or have the story told or read (Jonah, chapters 1-3).

If you do not use a filmstrip but read or tell the story, or if you use a filmstrip that does not include the events of Jonah 4, then have chapter 4 presented in one of the following ways: telling, reading, or dramatizing. If you use the last idea, have one person be Jonah, a second person behind the scenes be God, and a third person be the narrator.

Modern Jonahs?

Role play the following situations. After the beginning of each one is read, ask certain young people to take the parts of the persons in the situation and to speak and act as they think the persons in the story might have done.

If others in your group think the characters in the situations might have done differently, invite them to act out the conclusion that they think would have taken place.

A POUTY SON? Dick's father gave him permission to go to a nearby town with a friend and his parents for a Friday night football game. His dad told him to be home by eleven. Although Dick could have been in by that time, it was eleven-thirty when he walked in the house. Thinking something may have happened to keep him from getting home on time, his dad asks him about this. Dick answers sullenly, "No, I *could* have made it."

(Now ask the group, "What do you think Dick's dad will do or say now? And what do you think Dick's reaction will be?" Choose a "Dad" and a "Dick" to finish this.)

A POUTY LEADER? Jan had been a member of her church's Junior High Christian Endeavor society for a year and a half. However, she had never been a leader for a meeting. Furthermore, she didn't want to be, even though she knew it was her turn and that it would be good for her. One day Sue, the chairman of the Devotional Committee, asks her if she will lead one of the meetings the next month.

(At this point, have someone from your group come to the front and take the place of Jan and someone else the place of Sue. One outcome might be that Sue would succeed in getting Jan to say yes and then Jan would go off by herself ond sit down in a pouting mood and name a number of excuses for not wanting to lead.)

A POUTY BROTHER? Dale and Don are brothers. They have one bicycle, which they are to share. They have made out and agreed to a certain schedule as to when each of them is to use the bike.

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One day several of Don's friends were going for a bike ride and asked him to join them. Even though he knew it was Dale's afternoon to use their bike, Don went off with it. When he returned home, he tried to avoid Dale. But Dale goes to Don and in a nice way asks him if he forgot whose turn it was and explains that if he used the bike in spite of knowing it wasn't his turn, that he is forgiven.

(*Now ask, "What do you think Don answers or does?" Choose two persons to conclude the story.*)

A POUTY FRIEND? Cathy and Jane are best friends. They almost always walk to and from school together. But one afternoon Cathy purposely avoided Jane and invited another girl to go with her to the drugstore for a coke and then they walked home together. The next day at school Cathy is sitting by herself in the school cafeteria. Before Jane gets through the line with her tray she sees Cathy and goes to sit with her.

(*Now have two persons continue this scene by taking the places of Cathy and Jane.*)

Me—a Jonah?

Give each person a slip of paper and a pencil and ask each one to write down one situation in which he or she has felt like pouting, even though the situation was according to God's will.

After two or three minutes, collect and read them to the group.

Panel—Why We Pout

With your counselor as the chairman and three or four of your members as the panel, have them consider the question "Why do we pout, or feel like pouting, over happenings that are the will of God? For example, if we don't study as we should and then get poor grades, why do we pout, or feel like pouting?"

If there is time at the close, the discussion may be opened to the rest of the society. In conclusion, the chairman should summarize the answers.

Circular Response—How Not to Pout

Have your entire group sit in a circle. The leader asks the question, "How can we keep from pouting over happenings and situations which are God's will? For example, curfew hours enforced by our parents?" Then the first person on the leader's right gives an answer. The next person gives his answer to the same question, and so on around the circle.

Scripture Search

Look up the following Scriptures individually or by small groups: Exodus 14:9-31; Exodus 16:1-4; I Kings 18:40 and 19:1-8; Luke 10:38-42. (Due to the time involved in reading these references, you may choose to assign them several days before the meeting.)

Ask each person or group to study the verses and then relate the incident to the entire group. After this has been done, discuss and list on a chalkboard or large sheet of paper what these stories teach about pouting. For example:

We pout when we think of our problem instead of God's power.

God has an answer for us if we'll look for or listen to it.

Calling All Committees

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Are there any Jonahs among you? Did you like the idea of being one of your society's officers at election time, but now that the glamour has worn off do you feel like pouting over or neglecting some of your responsibilities? Then take a lesson from Jonah. With God's help, get out from under your juniper tree!

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Be ready to encourage and assist the topic leader, whom, of course, you appoint at least a month in advance. Be sure to give that person a copy of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD soon after he or she is appointed.

You could offer to help the leader by arranging for a filmstrip projector and screen and setting it up before the time of the meeting. If the filmstrip is not used, perhaps there is other equipment you could arrange.

Above all, pray definitely for the leader of this meeting.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: See ideas under Publicity—and carry them out.

MISSIONARY AND SOCIAL COMMITTEES: Are there any young people in your community whom your society ought to be reaching for Christ and the church? Have you brushed them off with the thought that they're too different or indifferent? Christ wants them and He wants to reach them through you!

Perhaps a good way to "break the ice" and get better acquainted with them would be to plan a social, with them as your special guests. Then follow it up by demonstrating a genuine interest in them each time you see them. G them invitations to other activities meetings of your society.

If you feel like pouting over this signment, concentrate on the though what God wants to do for these yo people through you. And if what have to do to reach them seems h remember what Jesus Christ, the So God, became and did in order to re you!

CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: your society been sitting under a juni tree, pouting over some of your relati ships to your church? Maybe you d like the room they've assigned you your meetings? Or does the bull board always seem to be too crowd leaving no space for your annou ments?

Why not work on smoothing out s of these problems this month? Pout won't improve them, you know!

To the Counselor

Be ready to give the leader suggesti in deciding on the method and perso for presenting Meet Jonah.

If your group has never used the r playing method (Modern Jonahs?), perh it would be well if you would be prepa to explain and demonstrate it, at least your leader of this topic. A pamphlet titled *Role Playing the Problem Story* George and Fannie R. Shaftel is availa from The National Conference of Christi and Jews, 381 Fourth Avenue, New Y 16, New York, for 25c.

The success of the panel will be larg dependent on your leadership— both in preparation with the other members of panel and in the presentation during meeting. Perhaps instead of dealing with general question "Why do we pout?" would be more effective if you'd select few specific problems of your young peo and discuss why they pout over them.

Call the attention of your commit chairmen to the Calling All Committ section. Be ready to help them in adapt the ideas to your society.

Finally, examine your own life carefu in the light of God's Word and see if th is any area in which you are being a Jon Ask the Lord to help you resist each ten tation to pout over outcomes which y know He has brought to pass. Rememb that your exemplary life can be one of t best ways by which God can reach t young Jonahs in your society. And member to pray specifically for them too.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 24 A Pouting Prophet I Kings 19:
T. Sept. 25 Israel's Complaint Exodus 16:
W. Sept. 26 A Wife's Complaint Job 2:7-
T. Sept. 27 Martha's Complaint Luke 10:38-
F. Sept. 28 No Cause for Complaint Lamentations 3:37-
S. Sept. 29 Trust and Not Pout Exodus 14:10-
Sun. Sept. 30—Topic: Jonah Pouts Jonah

Comments by Mary Lou Funk, associate editor United Brethren publications, Huntington, India

Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Work and Wages

Psalm 145:10-17

ads for the Leader

This topic comes at a very strategic ie in the Christian Endeavor year. It ty well be the "kickoff" for the year's ogram. Being the first meeting of the stvacation season, it should attract re than the usual number. A definite ort should be made to notify all embers and prospective members of e new season's program. Strive for a ge attendance—and then plan an unually good meeting. Groups seem to el off to the numbers and the standds that are set in their beginning days.

ew Ways for New Days

This issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENEAVOR WORLD represents a new nture for our movement. It is the st one of greatly expanded size, with ny extra helps for Christian Endeavor eetings and activities. For a long time ere has been demand for more devonal and topic material, in order that tter preparation may be possible for e weekly devotional meetings. This w, enlarged format is the answer to is demand. Now we must make good e of it. Its value will be proved by its sults.

More resource material is given; therere, better prepared leaders should be le to lead more dynamic and purposel meetings. More committee helps are ovided; therefore, better committees ould lead the way to well-rounded ograms of service and training. More ecifics of Christian action are to be ggested and outlined; therefore, better ojects "for Christ and the Church" ould revitalize our beloved organizaon. More information of our worldide movement will be given; therefore, better informed youth constituency ould lead the way to a true ecumenil experience.

ublicize Prepared Programs

Publicity is a specific point of probm in the average Christian Endeavor ciety. Very often good programs are esented—and almost no one knows out them. Or especially good preparaon is made for some major event—and those outside the "inner circle" aren't invited. A determined and systematic effort should be made, beginning now at the opening of a busy fall program, to give proper publicity to all activities. Communication is a major human problem. Let us in Christian Endeavor strive to communicate our ideas, our aims, our projects, our meetings to everyone in the church and the community.

A special Publicity Committee may be appointed. If this is not desired, one of the standing committees should be assigned the responsibility, perhaps the Devotional Committee or the Lookout Committee.

Use the local newspaper, preparing the copy carefully. Type it, double spaced. Spell carefully, giving exact details. Use names generously, but be accurate with initials, titles, offices held, etc. Also use the local church bulletin or calendar. Use the bulletin boards for attractive posters. Perhaps a pulpit announcement can also be made.

A society newspaper is both exciting and useful. Perhaps your society can start one this fall. Use the telephone, the mail, the auto. Each week's meeting should be well announced, each important event should be well reported. Plan programs carefully, pursue a consistent plan of activity, and then publicize the well-prepared product. Tell the story of Christian Endeavor!

Counselors—
Commence with Consecration

Since this is the first Sunday of the month, it is Consecration Sunday in many Christian Endeavor societies. Since it is also the opening of the autumn activity, the traditional consecration service should be an especially important part of the regular meeting. It is a special privilege, and a time of particular opportunity, to set apart a few minutes in the meeting for the purpose of taking "next steps" for the Saviour.

When the roll is called, each one is to answer with at least a verse of Scripture. Most desirable is to have spontaneous personal words of intention, dedication, and promise in addition to the Scripture quotation. Perhaps the leader, the counselor, and the pastor should all share in the planning.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymns: *Give of Your Best to the Master; More Like the Master*
Sentence Prayers
Announcements and Offering
Scripture Reading: Psalm 145:10-17
Discussion of Topic
Questions for Discussion
Consecration Service
Closing Hymn: *Living for Jesus* (stanza 1)
Benediction

Morris E. Cole

Work to Earn Wages

"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," spoke the Lord God to Adam as He sent him out of the perfect Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:19). From that day forth it became mandatory that man work in order to eat. It has become a primary rule of life. Only in the idyllic perfection of Eden was man exempt from the responsibility of work—and he there proved himself unworthy of the privilege, inadequate for the opportunity.

The apostle Paul teaches us directly and sharply on this matter. In II Thessalonians 3:10 he rather brusquely says, "If any would not work, neither should he eat." He then continues to say that he has heard there were some "which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies." He urges that they work quietly, eat their own bread, and thus become more socially acceptable and useful. However, they

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are not to be counted as enemies, but as brothers to be admonished.

How well this speaks to our contemporary civilization. There are many who will not work, to "pull their own weight." Some choose to be supported by others, needlessly. Some insanely feel that the government owes them their living, while still able to provide their own; they forget that the government is themselves and their neighobrs. Some prefer to exploit the labors of others in unjust economic practices; this may result from the evils of capital.

Still others exploit their employers by demanding excessive wages but rendering lazy, ineffectual service; this may result from the evils of labor. There may be very good reasons for supporting others, for we are our brother's keepers. But when anyone purposely imposes a burden on another when he is able to bear it himself, he is disobeying a prime law of life. We are to do our own work to earn our own living.

QUESTION: *Do youth yet in school have responsibility to work for their living?*

Wages to Reward Work

God's Word says the laborer is worthy of his hire (Luke 10:7). The person who is willing to work, to do his own part in life, is to be rewarded for his diligence. The first and obvious reward is in wages or salary. This should be in proportion to the value of the service rendered and in proportion to the quality of the work done. The one who "goldbricks," or loafs on the job, while others do his work, is not an honest laborer. Whatever one tries to "get for nothing" eventually may cost him and his entire culture a great deal. (*Point out how this is true.*)

Another reward is that of satisfaction in a work well done. In our modern age of mass production and automation, pride in one's work is increasingly difficult. It is indeed becoming a lost art in many quarters. This is not necessary, however. In the most menial or seemingly unimportant task, the worker can know what he is doing and what is the place of his task in the total operation; moreover, he can do it well. Today workmen in small and obscure machine shops across the nation as well as in great factories proclaim with pride that they helped build a part of Friendship VII, or Aurora, or some other great scientific achievement. To do well one's own small part is to be important in mighty projects. This is ever the spirit of Jesus, who asks only that we light our own small candles, wherever we are, that His great light may be manifest in the world.

QUESTION: *How does one's daily work fit into this pattern of Christ's work?*

One of the greatest rewards for the worker is the realization that he is in fellowship with God, the great Worker. He is thus in tune with the universe and with God's plan for His people. There is no good place for the sluggard in His plan. There is little comfort for the lazy and the slothful in the Bible. Many passages condemn such. Many more passages praise diligence. God placed Adam in the garden, not merely to enjoy its beauty and reap its fruits, but to "dress it and to keep it."

William G. Tarrant has written in a familiar hymn,

My master was a worker
With daily work to do,
And he who would be like Him
Must be a worker too.

Then welcome honest labor,
And honest labor's fare,
For where there is a worker
The Master's man is there.

A Christian Concept

Always we must test our economic theories and our social aspirations by the Christian standard. Too often reformers or seekers after social gain have overlooked the place of faith and religion in their endeavors. Good citizenship is the consistent expression of the Christian life. Social reform is the fruit of Christian conviction and dedication. So our concepts of capital-labor relations, our relating of work and wages, and our plans for economic justice must accommodate to the Christian ethic.

As always, this seeking of God's will leads to improvement for all concerned. It will make a better workman who will enjoy his daily work, and who thus will make a greater contribution to his community, nation, and world. It will make a better employer, who benefiting by superior workmanship, can confer greater benefits upon his employed.

Recognition of the dignity of labor is a Christian concept. No man should be ashamed of honest toil, however humble. By the same token, no one should look down upon a more lowly worker; his may be the more valuable work. No employer should feel superior to his workers; without them he would be helpless and defeated. Mutual respect for each other, for each other's task, for each other's rights is the Christian minimum.

Let there be shame and embarrassment when the perverted sense of the workman would lead him to seek rewards of labor without putting f the efforts of labor. And let there l wise be shame and self-reproach w the employer takes benefit from the ployed without sufficient regard for needs and appreciation of his vital s ice.

QUESTION: *What is the "dignity labor" to a Christian?*

The Christian and His Work

There is a great need that Chris young people should establish r standards of labor relations, based u the teachings and principles of Je Christ. This is one of the social c lenges of our day.

It is of even greater importance, h ever, that each Christian, whether ployee or employer, be comple Christian in his daily work. One's p sonal practices represent an area wit one's control, while great social forms may not be. Every person determine for himself his own standa and practices. Perhaps even daily e worker must ask, "Can I be Christian my job?" At once then must foll the question "Am I being Christian my job?"

QUESTION: *What are the tests as whether a person is Christian in daily work? What are some of the w in which youth may bear a Christ witness at work or at school?*

Questions for Discussion

1. What is an adequate definition of "wo
2. What is the true meaning of the w "wages"?
3. What should be the relationship betw work and wages for the Christian?
4. How does one qualify for the promise Psalm 145:15,16 in our Scripture lesson?
5. What are some of the conflicts betw capital and labor? Between employer and ployee? What are the causes of these confli
6. What does the Christian owe to his job?
7. In a Christian society, what should be proper returns for one's employment?
8. Are there places in which a Christian yo should not work? Give reasons.
9. What part of a Christian's wages should given back to God? Do most Christians giv proper proportion of their wages to the w of the church? Why?
10. What difference does the presence Christ make in one's daily work?

Daily Bible Readings

M. Aug. 27 God Worked Genesis 1:1
T. Aug. 28 God Ordained Work Genesis 2:15
W. Aug. 29 Jesus Was a Worker John 1:1
T. Aug. 30 The Parable of the Sower Matthew 13:1
F. Aug. 31 The Harvest Is White John 4:31
S. Sept. 1 Workers with God I Corinthians 3:
Sun. Sept. 2—Topic: Work and Wages Psalm 145:10

Comments by Dr. Earle W. Gates, minister First Church of Evans, Derby, New York, immediate past president of the Internatio Society

Topic 1 in a Unit: Undergirding the Society Program

Putting "Christian" in Endeavor

Ephesians 6:6-8; Colossians 3:17

dvance Notice

Here's advance notice to order sup-es you'll need for this meeting sev-l weeks in advance. Secure them m your state Christian Endeavor of-e, a Christian bookstore that carries ristian Endeavor materials, or direct- from the International Society of ristian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad eet, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Order at least one CE cardboard cut-t. You have a choice of red, green, or ue, and the cost is 15c each. Also get ne CE gummed seals. Approximate-100 one-inch red seals are 35c. Fifty l, blue, green, or gold seals in a pack-e are 40c.

Do you need Christian Endeavor dge cards? These are 35c per dozen. he same price applies for associate mber cards.) Pledge cards are avail-le with forms No. 2, No. 3, or No. 4 the pledge. The most popular is No.

If your society has never had a wall dge, 22 by 34 inches, with large nt that may be read from quite a stance, why not order one of these o? Keeping the wall pledge in the nt of the room will enable you to fer to it often. Order form No. 2, . 3, or No. 4.

hoosing the Leader

Since this meeting may launch your ll program, it would seem logical to k the president of your society to be e leader for this topic. This meeting d the one to follow will establish the inciples and purposes of your group r the year.

The president should see that com-ittee chairmen have been chosen be-re the meeting and that they under-and their duties for the year. Perhaps is will have been taken care of in ur Planning Conference suggested in e preceding section of the Ready-for-OUth Resources.

lanning the Meeting

It is important that you secure all or me of the materials mentioned under dvance Notice above. Every workman eeds his tools. A shovel digs much ster than bare hands. These helps will e worth much more to your society an the small cost involved.

Mount the cutout CE emblem so it will stand up on the leader's table. A bouquet or candles in harmonizing colors will add effectiveness to the setting.

Put one of the small CE stickers on each talk on the principles assigned to your members. If you have a wall pledge, make sure it is in place.

Contact the chairmen of the committees of your society and ask them to be prepared to give their reports as suggested under Christian Endeavor Program below.

If you wish to have your minister to conduct the dedication service at the close of the meeting, be sure to contact him at once so that we can have it on his schedule.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *He Is Mine*
Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:6-8; Colossians 3:17
Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Announcements and Offering
Topic Discussion
Dedication Service
Hymn: *Christian Endeavor*
Sentence Prayers

Leader's Introduction

Christian Endeavor has had an amazing growth ever since it was started by Dr. Francis E. Clark in Portland, Maine, on February 2, 1881. At a national gathering held in Boston in 1895 there were 56,425 registered delegates.

Today Christian Endeavor is a great world-wide youth movement. The World's Christian Endeavor Convention was held August 16-21 this year in Sydney, Australia, and youth from many nations of the world were represented there.

No organization, however good, would have achieved such success had it not right from the very first meeting been first and foremost and always Christian. The endeavoring was always to be Christian. If Christ is not first, He will not be last. If we do not put Him first in all we do, we do not put Him any place. We cannot serve both God and mammon (*read Luke 16:13*).

As we look at the CE emblem we notice that the E is completely surrounded by the C, meaning that only as we endeavor in Him, surrounded by Him, will our efforts be pleasing to Him. We must remember that we are always serving Him in what we do. We must never serve Christian Endeavor—only serve Him *through* Christian Endeavor.

In this meeting we are going to discuss the four basic principles of Christian Endeavor, the Christian Endeavor pledge, and the Christian Endeavor plan of committees to carry out the society program.

In the emblem we see that the E touches the C in four places. These represent the four principles of Christian Endeavor.

As we enter into the Christian relationship we must *first* accept Christ as our Saviour. The first principle of Christian Endeavor is Confession of Christ.

Christian Endeavor Principles

CONFESSION OF CHRIST

If a citizen of our country were to visit another country and need help, he would go to the embassy of the country of which he is a citizen. If we are to expect help from God we must be a citizen of heaven, a child of God. We can become a Christian only by accepting and confessing Christ as our Saviour. This is the first principle of Christian Endeavor.

Use some of these verses in showing what is meant by confessing Christ: Romans 10:9,10; John 3:16; 1:12; 5:24; Philippians 2:9-11; I John 5:4,5.

LEADER: As we grow in the fellowship and knowledge of God, we want to serve Him also. The second principle of Christian Endeavor is Service for Christ.

SERVICE FOR CHRIST

We do not earn our salvation. It is a gift from God which we accept. But as we grow to love Him, we want to do something for Him just as we want to do things for those we love on earth.

Christian Endeavor offers us an opportunity to serve Him by giving us the responsibility of a job that is ours. Each one who is not an officer is on a committee with a definite task to do. (If your members are not all assigned to a committee and the tasks there dele-

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gated, don't delay to see that all are appointed.)

Use some of these references in your talk: Joshua 24:15; I Chronicles 28:9; Daniel 6:16; John 12:26; Colossians 3:23,24; Hebrews 9:14.

LEADER: As we serve Christ, we must be loyal to the Church which He founded. The third principle of Christian Endeavor is Loyalty to Christ's Church.

LOYALTY TO CHRIST'S CHURCH

Christ loved the church and gave himself for it (Ephesians 5:25b). Christ's church are those who believe in Him and serve Him. Being loyal to the church means being loving, kind, and helpful to those who are Christians. It also means being faithful to the services of the church and being willing to participate in its activities.

Use some of these Scriptures in your talk: Nehemiah 13:11; Psalm 92:13; 118:26; Mark 3:25; Luke 14:23.

LEADER: Being loyal to the church means that we meet and work often with others who are Christians. The fourth principle is Fellowship with Christ's people.

FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST'S PEOPLE

If we are Christians we have fellowship with God through prayer and Bible study. In geometry we have learned that things equal to the same thing are equal to each other. If others who trust Christ have fellowship with God as we do, then we have fellowship with each other, Christ's people. We have our greatest pleasure in doing the things that are commanded by God. These we must do with others who are likeminded.

Use some of these verses in your talk: I Corinthians 1:9; I John 1:3,7; II Corinthians 6:14; Acts 2:42.

Christian Endeavor Pledge

At the very first meeting of the first society of Christian Endeavor, Dr. Clark asked the young people to sign the pledge which he had prepared. 58 did so. We too must make definite commitments to Christ. (*Read the pledge together. Your counselor may have some comments to make on the value of this guide to Christian living and growth.*)

Christian Endeavor Program

Ask the committee chairmen of your society to outline the work of their committees, showing how the society work is carried on. The vice-president could outline the work of the Executive Committee. Some of the plans of the year's program should be given so that everyone will know you are all "wound up" and ready to go for the year.

Dedication Service

Ask your minister or counselor to conduct a dedication service as you begin a new year's work. If there are several societies in your church, you might have this service together before or during your evening worship service.

If the service is conducted for your own group, this plan might be followed: Give each person a letter-size piece of paper. Ask each to list on the left side the things God has done for him, in the middle the things he has done for God, and on the right the things he *could* do for God. There should be a challenge to trust in God to bring these last things to accomplishment, and opportunity might be given for youth to sign pledge cards for active or associate membership.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 3 Be an Example! I Timothy 4:
T. Sept. 4 "By Their Fruits" Matthew 7:
W. Sept. 5 What the Lord Requires Micah
T. Sept. 6 Work Honestly Romans 13
F. Sept. 7 Live to the Lord Romans 1
S. Sept. 8 Faithful unto Death Revelation 2
Sun. Sept. 9—Topic: Putting "Christian" Endeavor Ephesians 6:6-8; Colossians

Comments by Mrs. R. E. LeRiche, who has se as counselor of many Christian Endeavor soci and as vice-president of the Pacific Region o International Society

Putting Christ First in Committee Work

DEVOTIONAL (PRAYER MEETING) COMMITTEE

1. Insist on Pre-Prayer Service. This is a period set aside for prayer before the meeting starts. The leader, the devotional chairman, and others should be there. Go into a separate room. You say it is too much trouble and it does not seem to help? Have you tried it? Are you really putting Christ first?

2. Have a consecration service the first Sunday in the month. The secretary calls the roll and each member responds with a verse of Scripture, a testimony, or something vital to his Christian life.

3. Enroll each member in the Quiet Hour. Christian Endeavorers cannot put Christ first in their meetings unless they have put Him first in their lives. Make copies of the daily Bible readings carried with each topic. Reading these should also help your discussions on Sunday, because you will have been thinking along the line of the topic all week.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE

1. Make sure that everyone in your society who has accepted Christ as Saviour has signed a pledge card. However, it does no good to sign unless the commitment is meaningful and the person is willing to accept the terms. But encourage each one to strive forward, putting Christ first.

2. Make a real effort to win those who have not as yet put their trust in the Lord. In all of your meetings be a good salesman for the glories of the Kingdom. Be enthusiastic about the product you have to offer. What does it mean to you to have a Saviour?

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

1. Christ said, "Go ye into all the world," which means to start right where you are. What have you done for someone else? Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." We seem to be able to think of the things we want to do, but how about putting Christ first and thinking of others and doing something for someone else?

2. Ask the minister or the missionary society president what you can do to help. Do well what you attempt to do and finish it on time. Bring some cheer to others by going to visit the lonely and shut-in. Do it on the many days between holidays. Delight some elderly couple by seeing that they have transportation to church affairs, especially at night.

SOCIAL (RECREATION) COMMITTEE

1. If you are doing a good job, you are providing good wholesome entertainment and keeping away the temptation to engage in less wholesome activities. Keep in mind the types of recreation enjoyed by all the members.

2. Close each event with a devotional. If this follows the theme of the evening, it is a part of the program. The visitors will see you have put Christ in the center of every good times. Also, you will be recreated spiritually as well as physically.

CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

1. Encourage all members of your society to be loyal to the services of the church. You are the future leaders of the church. You need to be a part of it now.

2. Tie the society into the work and worship of the church. Talk with the minister and officers of the church to see how this can best be done. Go armed with pad and pencil, and then putting Christ first, help your members be loyal to the work and worship of your church.

Topic 2 in a Unit: Undergirding the Society Program

n the Heights, but Climbing

Philippians 3:13-16

Here's what it is: a quest of means of chieving the four purposes of Christian ndeavor
Here's who are needed: leader, four scussion group leaders, four reporters
Here's how it's done: four short talks, roup discussion and reports, time for freshments

licity Ideas

t the announcement period either Sunday before in the youth meeting, t the Sunday School hour the day of meeting, have a fellow stripped to ing clothes come in, crouch to ing position, and take off, pausing enough to invite all to the meeting announcing the topic.

se a "tele-thon" to get the word out ll prospective youth and your membership. The Lookout Committee should nge it so that each member has a names to call. Suggest transportation be provided if it is needed.

tandard Publishing has some clever tation cards at 25c per dozen, which also he sent to your prospects.

ggested Program Outline

Prayer Service for Participants

ting of Guests: As the youth come have the ushers take them to one f four sections of seats arranged bout an oval track. Be sure guests re greeted and made to feel at home. marching band might be playing usic on a record during this time f gathering.

nouncer's Remarks (by the Leader): uggest that this is a special meet, introduce the special guests, invite all o participate, and lead in a short ntroductory prayer.

e to the Colors: After the pledge to he flags (use the Christian flag also f available) turn the meeting over o the Cheer Leader (song leader) nd his assistant (pianist) for a few ongs such as: *America the Beautiful, Now I Belong to Jesus, Send the Light*

ceiving Orders (Scripture Reading): Read and dramatize if possible both Hebrews 12:1,2 and Philippians 3:13-16, gearing into the room setting. Maybe an invited coach could tell of some thrilling experience in a stadium about a race and lead into the reading of the Scriptures suggested.

Poem: "The Forward Look"

The Race Is On: See Development of Topic

Intermission or Briefing: Buzz groups or teams

Relay Race: Reports of buzz groups

Huddle: Counselor's remarks and then a season of prayer of youth

Awards: Announcements and invitation to brief refreshments. An offering should be taken also. Band music could again be in the background during eats.

Development of Topic

The leader should state clearly that a Christian Endeavor society is a Christ-centered organization of Christian young people, having as its purpose:

Leading young people to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord;

Bringing them into the life of the church;

Sustaining and training them for the service of Christ and His cause;

Releasing them through all channels of human activity in the service of God and man.

In order to give more Scriptural background have several youth assigned to comment on the daily Bible readings suggested for this topic. Have them draw word pictures, and if an artist is available have him draw a soaring bird for Isaiah 40:27-31, a caption of FIRST above clothing, etc. for Matthew 6:25-33, a soldier with the parts of his armor labeled for Ephesians 6:10-20, and a strong man for Ecclesiastes 9:9-12.

At this point it might be well to have short talks by four young people, each one having been assigned one of the purposes stated above.

Now let these same key young people be the group leaders for the four sections of "bleachers" in which the group was originally seated. Have each to lead his group to discuss ways and means by which they could accomplish the purpose about which he spoke. Conclude this session with a whistle.

Here play up the fact that a race is about to begin. Let each captain assign four people from his group to carry batons. The first person states a means of reaching the goal, the next states another, etc. Of course the teams cannot

all run at once; so each team must take its turn in the relay.

The counselor can use a stop watch to time each group and point out in summary what each group has affirmed. Or special guests may have been pre-assigned to act as coaches for the groups and then to make the summaries.

Before the closing season of prayer by assigned youth, if the Spirit of God has seemed to hover over the meeting, an invitation to accept Christ or live for Him might be extended.

If a real attempt has been made to bring other youth, the social time is important to give an opportunity for the youth to greet one another. Name tags for everyone might be in order. As the school year has just started, this could be a real "send-off" for your society.

Alternate Ideas for Meeting

Maybe you would prefer to work out the details of setting, etc. on the football theme. You could still have the chairs arranged around a playing field by sections. The Scripture reading could introduce a thrilling game. The Game Is On, Half-Time Briefing, Playing the Game, Post-Game Remarks, etc. could be the titles for a little program to put in each one's hands as he enters the meeting room.

Work hard to make this a successful meeting as this is your fall kickoff. You might even invite the members of your local football squad to attend. Let them know your church is alive, and of course work with your minister to make the evening service one of real interest to guests.

Questions for Buzz Group Leaders

These are based in order on the four purposes of Christian Endeavor.

ONE

How can one be introduced to Christ? What does it mean to know Him as Saviour?

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How does God offer eternal life?
What is the difference between Saviour and Lord?

TWO

What does our church offer youth?
How much time should be spent at church?
How can we recruit new members?
What binds the church together?

THREE

What are the fundamental beliefs of our church?
What are its training opportunities?
What does it mean to serve Christ?
How does regular attendance help personal growth?

FOUR

What projects can our youth group conduct?
In the church? Outside the church?
How can we be representatives of Christ to men?
Dare we withhold our time and talents?

After the Meeting

Be sure to invite all your youth guests to your next social. Ask the Lookout Committee to keep in touch with these prospects. Be sure new recruits are placed on committees after officially becoming members by signing the pledge. Make an effort to link each young person with the minister.

The Forward Look

(based on Philippians 3:13)

Another day is at the door,
The Lord has bade me enter
With less of self than e'er before,
More yielded to His bidding.

The day behind us has been sweet,
His love and grace most tender;
There is no way tongue could repeat
The wonders of His mercy.

We would be strong, we would be true,
And be so full of courage,
That every day whate'er the view,
Our eyes would see His power.

The forward look is what we ask,
Forgetting what's behind us;
And joyful rest in every task,
As we press on, believing.

Mrs. F. McOuat

Committee Projects

In connection with the four purposes of Christian Endeavor mentioned in the Development of the Topic, here are some suggested follow-up activities.

1. *Leading young people to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.* The Lookout Committee is especially charged with spiritual life in a society. It is to be remembered that all the names of all guests at a meeting should be recorded and proper follow-up given. At the proper time the committee also has the responsibility of approaching them regarding membership in the society. As the pledge is explained it is a means of witnessing, and at that moment some hearts might be ready to receive Christ as personal Saviour.

When the committee does not feel adequate, then the counselor or minister ought to be contacted, with the committee member coming with the young person and saying, "This is my friend ————." After greetings have been exchanged the further statement could be made, "———— has been coming regularly to our group and is ready for membership. Would you please explain what it means to be a Christian and endeavor to live for Christ?"

The souls thus reached will rejoice in the Saviour and with full heart enter into the work of the society.

Faithfulness to follow up may become a perservering project, but pays off.

2. *Bringing them into the life of the church.* The Church Activity Committee might get into action here. Any new member in a group ought to be actively assigned to one of the regular committees so that he can be at once at work for our Lord. But for those with gifts that can be used in the total work of the church there should be additional encouragement.

The Church Activity Committee does well to be in touch with the Sunday school superintendent, the trustees, the president of men's or women's groups, choir director, and the like. It can report talents to these leaders, or it can approach them regarding projects which the youth may carry out as individuals or as teams. Youth can have lots of fun at "stuffing" parties to get out a church mailing, serving a meal, preparing decorations, mending hymn books, sharing in visitation, serving as assistant teachers, and the like. Its means much to an ideal to put it into practice.

3. *Sustaining and training them for the service of Christ and His cause.* It would seem that the Devotional or Program Committee would have chief responsibility here.

In the area of sustaining there should be regular emphasis on the Quiet Hour. Reference can be made to it often at the announcement time by calling attention to booklets upon the subject, by directing the youth to Bible commentaries, by urging the use of a daily reading plan, and by having an occasional Quiet Hour breakfast in a home or simulating an experience similar to a summer camp.

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pre-prayer and similar mid-week at
ance, assist younger or weaker C
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4. *Releasing them through all c
nels of human activity in the servi
God and man.* Certainly the Missio
Committee fits well into this pic
Missions begin in our own Jerus
and extend to the uttermost parts o
earth.

To be a missionary is simply t
aware of needs about us on every h
Trips to old people's homes, hosp
and detention facilities are an outle
youthful talent in an informal at
phere.

Reading missionary letters, stud
missionary activities around the w
studying other peoples and their
ture, preparing materials for use or
mission field, exchanging inform
and material with youth of the
age in another land all contribut
the understanding of the scope
reality of the missionary enterprise.

Likewise, we must be aware that
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land safe for democracy. On every
youth are subject to temptations,
surely youth can speak for clean n
stands, provision in the social life o
schools for wholesome entertainn
They can share in community tasks
require time and energy, and prov
the beatnik crowd that Christ is re

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Committees, committees, what will you
The fate of Endeavor is hinged upon
Active or lazy, or rapid or slow,
Just as you move the societies go.
Stupid and sluggish, or quick as a wi
Just as you think the societies think.
Committees, committees, the whole of
Endeavor
To you is committed forever and ever.
You will determine the C.E. condition,
Committees, committees, fulfil your
commission.

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Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 10 The Race of Life Hebrews 12
T. Sept. 11 Strength for the Weak
Isaiah 40
W. Sept. 12 Help from the Lord
Psalm 12
T. Sept. 13 First Things First
Matthew 6
F. Sept. 14 Be Strong in the Lord
Ephesians 6
S. Sept. 15 With All Your Might
Ecclesiastes 9
Sun. Sept. 16—Topic: On the Heights, Climbing Philippians 3

Comments by Rev. Robert Hess, field secr
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Topic 1 in a Unit: The Christian's Textbook

Golden Rule Days

Matthew 7:12; I Corinthians 10:1-12

Leader Looks at It

uman nature being what it is, the l for leadership is imperative. If five were cast adrift in a lifeboat, one hem would assume command. Four he men would know by a kind of ition who the strong wise man was without any formality he would charge of things and become the er.

ou have been selected to be the er for this society meeting. Keep in d that every situation, every op- unity, every organization chooses its leader. The ideal leader is one who s the voice of God and beckons people as the voice calls him and n.

o assume leadership calls for prep- ion. To see a meeting in your Chris- Endeavor society develop to be one he finest is a possibility and always in reach, but it takes hard work, h prayer, and a lot of concentra- . You can make this an outstanding ting of the month. It's in your hands, our heart, in your mind. Do it!

at to Expect

erhaps you can expect the same up, unless you do something about in cooperation with your Lookout nmittee. Call the committee chair- for a fresh approach to the mem- ship. Use a new way to reach your ety members for this meeting. Find what approaches have already been de. Consider every angle that has been tried. Make it your ambition reach every member and also bring a few visitors who may be prospec- members for the society.

erhaps you can expect the same d of participation, unless you try nething different. Why not make as- nments through the mail? Write Rob- and Mary and tell them what you uld like them to do at this meet- . Do this in advance of the society eting. Call them by telephone the before the meeting telling them you counting on their cooperation. oose those who will most likely be ling to carry their part of the re- nsibility.

Perhaps you can expect the same or- of service, unless you make some eresting changes. You can be dif- ent. Sit down with your Devotional Committee chairman and talk over the order of service. Confer with the other leaders for their ideas also. Speak to your pastor, the president of your society, or someone else who has more experience in leadership than you do. This is a good topic. You should plan for a good meeting. You should give your very best in preparation. Work hard, and the reward will be yours to cherish. Nothing comes that has lasting value unless we work hard.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Memory Verses: Ask each member to quote his favorite verse of Scripture
Hymns: *He Keeps Me Singing; Break Thou the Bread of Life*
Special Music: vocal or instrumental
Welcome to Visitors
Offering and Announcements
Prayer: Ask for requests for prayer from those present
Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:12; I Corinthians 10:1-12
Silent Prayer: Ask the pianist to play softly as all pray for guidance in the topic discussion
Leader's Talk
Studying the Bible
Questions for Discussion
Hymn: *More Like the Master*
Prayer Circle
Benediction

Publicity

Since the topic deals with the study of the Word of God, why not try to collect a variety of Bibles and put them on display in your church vestibule? Have one of your members stationed there and informed, in case there are people who will ask questions. Have on the table poster cards announcing the meeting. Be sure to make the announcement in Sunday school and worship services.

Leader's Talk

School days have again made us aware of the importance of reading and writing and concentrated study. The school system has its own special textbooks to guide the education of students. Likewise, the school of Christ has a special textbook, which is the Bible, the Word of God. Paul admonished

young Timothy to study to show himself approved unto God, a workman who had no need to be ashamed. We are His workmen. We are His ambassadors. We ought to be young men and women of the Word of God. We ought to study and to practice the teachings of the Bible.

Abraham Lincoln said, "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given man. All the good from the Saviour of the world is communicated to us through this Book."

Andrew Jackson said, "That Book, sir, is the rock on which our republic rests."

Lord Tennyson said, "Bible reading is an education in itself."

W. H. Seward said, "The whole hope of human progress is suspended on the ever growing influence of the Bible."

How important is Bible study? Why should we learn from the Holy Scriptures? Would any change sweep over us if we would make it the rule of our lives to saturate our minds and hearts with the Word of God every day? What is the purpose of studying the Bible?

A careful study of Ephesians 3:1-13 reveals many interesting answers. This Word will strengthen us with might by God's Spirit in the inner man. Through this Word we will become rooted and grounded in love. Through this Word we shall come to know the fullness of God. Through this Word we shall become aware of a great power working in us and through us, and we shall be made wise unto salvation. This is the divine purpose of our studying the Bible.

But what if I have a desire to study the Word of God but fail to continue in this desire because I cannot understand what I read? What happens then? Let us consider Acts 8:26-40. This is the account of a man who read and did not understand. He asked help from the man whom God sent to him. Philip explained the Scripture and preached

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Christ to him. And right there the man accepted Christ and was baptized into Him.

How deep is your eagerness to understand the Word of God? Jesus was familiar with the Scriptures and understood their meaning completely. To His followers He said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed. And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31,32).

As Christian Endeavorers who have made our decisions for Jesus Christ, we should make our deepest desire to search the Scriptures in order that we may be servants of blessing to others. When our lives have been touched by the Book, we are going to touch someone else for good. It is important that we read and study the Scriptures daily.

When the Bible is really a force in our hearts and minds, we cannot possibly doubt that it comes from God. God has revealed Himself in nature, in providence, and in history, but pre-eminently He has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ. We read of the work and teachings of Christ in the Bible, and thus we come to know God and to serve God through the Word. Let us be faithful in studying this divine textbook and in putting its teachings into practice daily.

Studying the Bible

The Bible has been read and studied carefully by all kinds of students from its very earliest days. Many writers of the early Christian centuries showed much familiarity with the Bible and the events it records.

In his *Jewish Antiquities* (Book 18, Chapter 3, Section 3) Josephus referred to Jesus as the Christ, spoke of His wonderful works and popular teachings, and described His crucifixion by Pilate and His resurrection. Josephus was born in 37 A.D., soon after Jesus' crucifixion.

Tacitus, the masterly Roman historian of the generation following the apostles, wrote that Nero charged the Christians with his own crime of the burning of Rome. He also made reference to the crucifixion of Jesus as a criminal by Pilate in the reign of Tiberius.

Celsus, a little younger than Tacitus, was a determined foe of Christianity. Yet in his records he referred often to the Christian writings, touching upon many important facts recorded in the Gospels. He was evidently familiar with other books of the New Testament also.

In addition to these historians, many Christian writers also referred often to the Bible. Clement of Rome was well acquainted with the apostles, and in his writings he cited the four Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, and five of Paul's letters, together with Hebrews, I Peter, James, and Revelation—14 books and 73 references in all. The writings of Polycarp, who was born in 69 A.D. and who died a martyr's death in 155, contain many citations from the New Testament. He was a disciple of the apostle John.

Certainly the Bible must be evident in all our words and actions too. And this will be true if we are familiar with the Bible. There are three ways by which we may secure Bible information.

One is to read and study about the Bible. We can learn a great deal about the Bible without reading the text itself. We can secure such information by reading sermons and commentaries, but this is only secondhand information.

The second way is to read the Bible. Every person has the opportunity to read and to interpret the Scriptures for himself. One of the purposes of the Puritan fathers in founding the American public school system was that the students might acquire the essentials of education that would enable them to read the Scriptures.

The third and best way to know the Word of God is to *study* the Bible. There is nothing more thrilling than to be a personal investigator and student of the truth of God's Word. He discovers for himself that the Bible is the only commentary in the world that is absolutely dependable. It is only the Bible student who will *know* the teachings of the Bible and the Saviour and Lord whom it reveals to us. Those who truly study the Bible will be able to portray Christ in all that they do and say.

Questions for Discussion

1. Upon what basis is the Bible considered to be the Word of God?

2. What are some of the best methods of reading and studying the Bible?

3. Should the Christian read from various translations of the Scripture?

4. Why have several translations of the Bible been made into English?

5. Why is the Bible neglected by most church members?

6. How much time during the day should we devote to reading or studying the Bible?

7. Must one be highly educated in order to understand the Bible? Could education hinder one's understanding of the Bible?

8. What verse or reference in the Bible is most meaningful to you?

Guidance to Counselors

Endeavor always to keep in mind two kinds of objectives for your society. One is a comprehensive or general objective. It has to do with the total program of your for the society. It is concerned with the ultimate good. What is it we seek through our meetings? We want greater and richer service for Jesus Christ and His Church.

The other objective is specific or immediate. What do you as a counselor expect to happen in the lives of the members of your society as a result of a particular meeting? Do not be content just to hear "That was a good meeting!" Seek something more specific. An evidence of definite results from your meeting is found only in the conduct or action of your members over a period of time.

Study this particular topic carefully. What are your objectives as a counselor? What do you want to see happen in the lives of each member of your society as a result of this meeting? Both this topic and the next should help youth to grow in their appreciation and study of the Bible as evidenced in their daily lives and conduct.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 17 Hear the Words Jeremiah 11
T. Sept. 18 Study the Word II Timothy 2:14
W. Sept. 19 "Learn of Me" Matthew 11:25
T. Sept. 20 Finding Wisdom Proverbs 3:13
F. Sept. 21 Challenge to Israel Deuteronomy 6
S. Sept. 22 Grow Up! Ephesians 4:1
Sun. Sept. 23—Topic: Golden Rule Days Matthew 7:12; I Corinthians 10:1

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart, pastor of the First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania

Suggested Projects for Committees

The Devotional Committee might sponsor a special Bible study for seven nights under the guidance of some capable Bible instructor. Your pastor might be interested in the challenge.

The Missionary Committee might canvass certain areas of your community in order to find families who do not have a copy of the Bible. There might even be some in your own congregation. Make a list of these families and talk to your pastor about presenting Bibles to these families.

Perhaps your church does not have Bible in the pews or a sufficient number of Bibles in the classrooms. The Church Activity Committee might initiate a campaign to secure needed Bibles and to place in each the name of the contributor.

During this unit of study the Social Committee might take as a project the securing of different Bibles, gathering as many different translations as possible. Put them on display in a place where all will be able to see them, either in the church or in some downtown store window. Give adequate publicity to your display.

Topic 2 in a Unit: The Christian's Textbook

More than Literature

II Timothy 3:10-17; Hebrews 4:12

Here's what it is: a discussion to realize what it means to youth that the Bible is more than literature

Here's who are needed: leader, five youth to give talks, others to serve as a panel

Here's how it's done: panel discussion to introduce topic, talks to explore its meaning for youth

ggested Program Outline

Prayer Service
nn: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*
pture: II Timothy 3:10-17; Hebrews :12
nn: *I Love to Tell the Story*
tence Prayers
nouncements and Offering
cial Music
el Discussion
ks on the Topic
nn: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*
ediction

the Leader

his is the second of two topics which sider the Bible as the Christian's book. Today's topic offers an unally fine opportunity for a panel dission. As the leader you might first the discussion group participants to ntion in what way the Bible may be sidered excellent literature. With ne research one of the members of panel could refer to some of the rld's great literature (such as the rks of John Milton or John Bun-n) and show the influence the Bible had on the development of these tings.

Have someone prepared to read the rds of William Lyon Phelps, the bril-nt professor of English literature at le University who once said, "Every-e who has a thorough knowledge of Bible may truly be called educated . . . Western civilization is founded on the Bible; our ideas, our wisdom, philosophy, our art, our ideals come re from the Bible than from all other oks put together . . . . I thoroughly lieve in a university education for both n and women; but I believe a knowlge of the Bible without a college urse is more valuable than a college urse without the Bible."

From this point the leader may wish ask the panel to discuss the historic nviction of the Christian community that the Bible is more than mere human literature. The discussion could be closed by listing what ought to be our attitudes and actions in light of what God has revealed through His written Word.

The leader needs to be cautioned, however, that if a panel discussion is desired, the members of the panel must be selected early enough so that they have time for careful preparation.

Talks on the Topic

THE DISAGREEMENT

As Christians we say that the Bible is more than literature. Thus, we place the Bible in a category separate from all other books. Other Christians, and even some people who are not Christians, would agree with us. But not everybody would agree with us. There would be those who would take exception to this viewpoint. Many non-Christians would insist that the Bible should be considered as nothing more than literature. They might agree that the Bible deserves to be ranked among the world's finest literature, but they would pointedly deny that the Bible is anything more than literature.

Since this disagreement is so basic, it is important to understand what is the historic Christian view of the Bible. Why are Christian believers so insistent that the Bible is more than literature? And just what is the Christian belief concerning the Bible?

In II Timothty 3:14-17 there is a classic statement concerning the nature, the value, and the use of the Bible. Listen to the advice the aged apostle Paul gave to his young minister friend Timothy: "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them: and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD

Here Paul was insisting that the Scriptures are more than literature; in fact, he wanted his reader to realize that the writing of all Scripture was inspired by the Holy Spirit. Paul wasn't trying to say that the writers of Scripture were inspired with great creative power and insight in the way one could speak of literary giants such as Shakespeare or Milton as being inspired. The apostle had something quite different in mind. What Paul did intend to teach was that even though the Scriptures have many writers, behind the writers of the various books of the Bible there is but one common Author, and He is almighty God.

This doctrine of inspiration is not based on one isolated text. Holy Scripture offers abundant testimony to the fact that it is the Word of God. In II Peter 1.21 we are told: "No prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit" (American Standard Version). There is another interesting verse in which the Scripture refers to its own supernatural character: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edgd sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

Scripture then, is God's own written Word, and in this respect we may certainly speak of it as being *more than literature.* This is the way God has chosen to speak to us. Through the Holy Scriptures God tells man of his lost condition and how he may possess eternal life. In the Bible we learn much about the nature and character of God that we never could have guessed if He had not told us. The Bible is the written expression of the Lord's thought and will. Once we understand this we will know why Christians have always considered the Bible to be immensely important. Christian believers are convinced that the Bible is authoritative because of its divine authorship.

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Of course, the authorship of a document makes all the difference in the world. Suppose a fifth-grade teacher receives a note from one of her worst pupils which reads, "I think you are doing a terrible job of teaching this class." Then she looks to the bottom of the note and sees that it is signed by Johnny. She will react accordingly. But suppose that one day the teacher gets a letter with an identical message. Only when she looks to the bottom of this message she sees that it is signed by the superintendent of the school in which she is teaching. Again she will react accordingly. Only you may be sure that her reaction to this message sent by the superintendent would be different than the one sent by Johnny.

The authorship would make all the difference. That's the way it is with the Bible. If it is only the word of men, it may be interesting, and it may even be helpful, but that's about all. But since the Bible is the Word of God its authority is undeniable.

THE VALUE OF SCRIPTURE

Paul wanted to remind Timothy of the great value there was in the Scriptures. First, he mentioned that the Scriptures were able to make a person wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. At another time Paul had written this same truth in a different way when he said, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

What value do the Scriptures have for the Christian? Perhaps you are aware of the fact that an unbeliever may come to a saving knowledge of Christ through the hearing of God's Word, but is the Bible also profitable for the person who is already a Christian?

Paul's answer to this question would be "Yes." He maintained that "Every inspired scripture has its use for teaching the truth and refuting error, or for reformation of manners and discipline in right living, so that the man who belongs to God may be efficient and equipped for good work of every kind" (II Timothy 3:16,17, *New English Bible*).

And he was certainly writing the truth, wasn't he? Think of the way Christian churches have used the Bible to teach the truth and to refute error throughout the centuries. That's why, in its statement of belief, many a church has confessed that the Bible is its only rule of faith and practice. The development of all valid Christian doctrine has been based on the Bible. And without the Bible the Christian community would have no sure way to determine what is truth and what is error.

The Bible is also indispensable in the life of the individual believer. Simple obedience to the Scriptures will make astonishing changes in any person who is determined to do the will of God. From the Bible we may receive spiritual nourishment for our souls. Peter offered this advice to young Christians: "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious" (I Peter 2:2,3).

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BELIEVERS

Since God has spoken to us through His Word we have an obligation to give heed to what He says.

What's more, it's only good sense to pay attention to what God says. In one city there is an annual treasure hunt in which hundreds of people participate. At a given time all of the contestants receive clues that give hints to the location of the treasure. Everyone carefully studies his map, and strenuous efforts are made to locate the treasure. Sometimes the treasure, which amounts to a considerable sum of money, will not be found for several days. Finally, someone who has worked out all the clues will find that his map has led him to the place where he finds the buried treasure.

The Bible tells of a treasure that is far more wonderful than what any treasure map has ever offered. That treasure is the gift of eternal life with God in Christ.

What a lot of people are missing the best treasure hunt of all! Jesus pointed men to a better way of life when He said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Matthew 6:19,20).

The person who ignores God's Word is making a terrible mistake. Both Old and New Testaments indicate that we have a responsibility at this point. Jesus once rebuked the Sadducees by saying, "Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the Scriptures, neither the power of God?" (Mark 12:24).

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

Try to keep a few simple rules in mind when you open your Bible. These rules will offer guidance as you seek to hear and understand God's Word.

First, prayer is important. Since the Bible is more than literature it needs to be read with a humble spirit as w an intelligent mind. Seek the dire of the Holy Spirit and ask God to you an open mind so that you ma encountered by Him as you reac Holy Scriptures.

Secondly, honesty is important. T who search the Scriptures should with a willingness to obey them. D that once you understand and God's will, you will try to do it. inevitable that people will fail to spiritual depth if they hear Christ and then refuse to obey. Christ onc serted, "If any man will do his wil shall know of the doctrine, whether of God, or whether I speak of my (John 7:17).

Thirdly, effort is important. S times people begin to read the and then before long they give up complain that they could not unders what they were reading, so they dec that there wasn't any use to contin

It is only fair to say that underst ing God's Word does involve a cons able amount of work. The proces learning how to read is sometimes and difficult work for children. Lea to know God's Word is also somet hard and difficult work for God's dren. But in both cases, persistence be crowned with success.

Did you ever meet anybody learned how to play a good gam golf without any effort? Of course A good game is developed only much patience and hard work.

Here are three hints that will you to receive a blessing from Word. Remember that prayer, hon and effort are important for the C tian believer who follows up the that the Bible is more than literatu

Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 24 The Word Endures Forever I Peter 1
T. Sept. 25 The Word Prospers Isaiah 55
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Comments by Rev. Vernon Hoffman, past Trinity Reformed Church of Deerfield B Florida, and a former chairman of the Assembly of the International Society

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Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

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Business Relationships (two topics)

Christianity Practical?

nos 3:1-11; Romans 12:9-21

foolishly insist that Christianity is not ical, that one cannot be Christian in a rn world. The timeless Gospel, how- is designed for all life, for all ages. d, the only practical way is the Chris- way. Jesus was not a blind idealist, but cerning psychologist and a wise sociolo- as well as a divine Saviour. Love out- hate. Honesty and truth ultimately ph over crime and deceit. Violence ts violence while love begets harmony. usiness, fair practice, honest employer- oyee relationships, and a spirit of shar- re the way to success. These represent ristian witness in industry. Examine the nt labor disputes and the political con- rsies. What rights are involved? Do the and the methods meet Christian stand- What change could you effect? What actical Christianity?

My Job and My Faith

salm 118:1-21; Philippians 3:7-19

s place of daily employment is one of world's best pulpits. The majority of ng hours is spent at work or at school. rs observe us there as we really are. t we do, say, and are represents our tical Christian witness. A religion of e must be reflected in daily experience. t do we say from our "pulpits"? Busi- relationships present the acid test. If cannot be Christian in his job, some- thing is wrong with either his faith or his job. How determine which? How far should one support Christian convictions? To what cost? "Christianity is more caught than taught." Is this true? Why or why not? How does this apply in your personal job?

PUSHING DOORBELLS FOR GOD

Luke 10:1-20; Mark 16:15-20

Every normal person wants to be his best, wants to serve his God effectively. Visitation evangelism is part of the answer to this inner urge. While many are not skilled in this activity, all can *become* proficient, calling in the homes two by two. To fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19,20) everyone must do his part. In the topic Scriptures "every" is emphasized. Note "to every creature" and "preached everywhere" in Mark 16. This inclusive mission requires laity as well as clergy. The lasting benefit of this meeting will be a planning session establishing a visitation evangelism program in your church. Trusting Philippians 4:13, is there any reason why it cannot be done? Inspire the pastor by the offer; amaze him by your sturdy support.

World Evangelism (two topics)

1. Our Most Important Task

Matthew 28:16-20; Ephesians 4:1-13

Our most important task, abiding in God's will, is to evangelize. The Great Commission commands that we teach the children of man about Christ, that we "disciple" people. After becoming Christian, what more important task remains for us? To make our own Christian efforts more effective, we maintain membership in churches. To make our congregational and denominational efforts more far-reaching, we band together in innumerable interdenominational agencies. These become our lengthened arms of service, our amplified voices of evangelism. How many such agencies can you name? Describe their programs. Discuss the particular evangelistic interests of your group, as to geographical location, theology, racial concerns, type of programs, and divine leading. Which agencies should you support? Which can stimulate your program? Have we accepted the Great Commission as *our* great Commission?

2. Doing the Task Together

Luke 9:49-56; 10:25-28

Frank Laubach's victorious slogan "Each One Teach One" may well be supported by "Each One Reach One." Our chief Christian mission is to win others for Christ. However well we do personal tasks, we do them better together. Great national and global organizations seek to evangelize the world. Share their efforts! Our denominations have broad programs. The National Council of Churches, the Canadian Council of Churches, and especially the National Association of Evangelicals challenge their followers' zeal. The Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade and a score of others ask our support. Christian Endeavor, Student Volunteers, Salvation Army, and countless worthy interdenominational movements await our hands and voices, our prayers and dollars. Discuss these programs, pointing out our responsibilities therein. What excuse will we give God if we fail to do our part in world evangelism?

A PERSONAL MISSION

By Bert H. Davis

ıder these differing circumstances, Jesus Christ ed persons with varied needs toward the Father:

How Jesus adapted the divine summons to the person as He found him:

	Jesus said:
Some of those He sought were at first merely curious or only mildly concerned	
Peter and Andrew	"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19)
Philip	"Follow me" (John 1:43)
The woman at Jacob's Well	"Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst" (John 4:14)
Some were trying to be true to the best they knew, but sought more light	
The rich young ruler	"Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me" (Luke 18:22)
Some had great needs, of which they were deeply conscious	
Two blind men	"According to your faith be it unto you" (Matthew 9:29)
A leper	"Be thou clean . . . but go thy way, show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded" (Mark 1:41,44)
A repentant thief	"Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43)

(A) Jesus Christ, to whom persons of many types are drawn, comes part way to meet the seeker,
(B) opening to him the Way of Life directly, personally, with spiritual force,
(C) making clear the requirement that there be conscious choice and clear decision,
(D) and often, as to the thief on Calvary, promising the Father's grace and forgiveness.

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